



Jacqueline D. Nielsen

September 1, 1935 - July 8, 2018

Dodgeville - Jacqueline D. Nielsen, age 82, of Dodgeville, passed away in the arms of her family at her daughter's home, on Sunday, July 8, 2018.

The former Jacqueline Hanson was born on September 1, 1935, in Coon Valley to Joseph and Mabel Hanson. She was raised by her uncle and aunt, Lawrence and Ansoph Onsrud, in Westby, WI. She was close to all of her family and loved spending time with them. Jackie graduated from Westby High School and attended teacher college. She went on to become a teacher in a one room country school and later taught real estate licensing classes for Wisconsin School of Real Estate and Southwest Technical College for 20 years. Later in life, Jackie worked at Swanson Pharmacy, where she made many lifelong friends.

Mother, married Jens Nielsen, on August 13, 1960. They were blessed with 5 children; Jim, Lifka, Todd, Brian, and Darci.

Family, friends, and God meant everything to Mom. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and had an unwavering faith in God. Her church family was a huge part of her life. Mom never met a person with whom she wasn't friends. She loved taking pictures, talking on the phone, going out for Friday night suppers, eating popcorn, sitting around a firepit, going to her cabin, and sending cards to everyone she knew in order to brighten their days.

Family holidays were filled with laughter and these traditions will be carried on through her grandchildren, which were the highlight of her life and she loved going to their activities. Grandma Jackie was proud of each of them.

Mom courageously fought cancer for six years and was a proud supporter of Relay for Life. She was a member of GLCW, Rachel Circle, and The Red Hat Society. She was a Girl Scout leader for many years.

Mom was a strong, independent, devoted, Norwegian woman. She worked hard her entire

life to provide for and support us in any way that she could. She raised five children on her own and instilled in all of us, kindness and compassion for others.

Jackie is survived by her children: Jim, Lifka (Chuck) Bennett, Todd (Deb), Brian, and Darci Sullivan (Larry Lawinger). Grandchildren: Cody and Brianna Bennett (Nik Geissbuhler), Irene, Mathias, and Sophia Nielsen, Alyssa, Emily, and Carley Sullivan. Her beloved brother, Don (Kathy) Hanson, who loved to tease her, and loving sister, Pat O'Neal. She was blessed in life by many wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins and countless, glorious friends that have been so supportive throughout her life.

Mom was preceded in death by her sisters, Joan Strangstalien and Mary Lou Hanson; Jens Nielsen, and son-in-law, Scott Sullivan.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH in Dodgeville. Rev. Mark Williamson will officiate. Burial will be held in East Side Cemetery in Dodgeville. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the church.

Mom was so grateful for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, and support during the last several months. She loved life and we know that the strength from her deep love for each of us will be close within our hearts forever.

We will leave with these words of a beautiful singer that encompasses our wonderful mother:

“We hope that we see the world as you did, because we know a life with love, is a life that is well lived. So we say hallelujah, you are an angel in the shape of our mom. When we fell down, you were there holding us up. Spread your wings as you go, You got to see the people that we are. When God takes you back, he will say, Hallelujah, you're home.”

Cemetery Details

East Side Cemetery

601 E. Division Street
Dodgeville, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

JUL 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
1105 North Bequette Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Tribute Wall



“ *Jacqueline D. Nielsen*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM

FS

“ *From Jessica Swanson and Kyler Stevens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jacqueline D. Nielsen.*



From Jessica Swanson and Kyler Stevens - July 13, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacqueline D. Nielsen.*



July 13, 2018 at 11:19 AM

TW

“ *Todd E Williams purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jacqueline D. Nielsen.*



Todd E Williams - July 13, 2018 at 04:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jacqueline D. Nielsen.*



July 12, 2018 at 06:37 PM

YL

“ *Your Black River Family - Schulze's and LaPorta's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jacqueline D. Nielsen.*



Your Black River Family - Schulze's and LaPorta's - July 11, 2018 at 05:52 PM

GR

“ *Dear Brian and family I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother she was a sweet lady I am glad I got to meet you Brian and your mother.*

Gary and Cheryl Richmond - July 11, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacqueline D. Nielsen.*



July 11, 2018 at 09:03 AM

BF

“ *So sorry for your family's loss...Jackie's smile brightened up every room... and it didn't matter how long it was since she saw you last she always had to check to see what was going on in your life- from when I was a little girl to several months ago when I saw her when I was visiting my parents ... Rest in peace....*

Beth Flynn - July 11, 2018 at 07:19 AM

KG

“ *What a sweet caring woman! I have great memories of Jackie through the church or wherever we seen her. She lit up a room with her kindness! Rest in peace dear Jackie!*

Kenda Gullickson - July 10, 2018 at 09:32 PM

RW

“ *What a strong Mom Jacki was and she gave me great advice years ago when I had a toddler on my lap and she sat next to teenager Darci (who wanted to be somewhere else I think on Sunday am's) I was exhausted trying to quiet my daughter and Jacki tried to get Darci to open the book and sing! I asked how she raised 5 on her own and she said "Bring them to church -it's my quietest hour of the week because they don't sass back here!" Well, now Darci continues to follow her Mom's advice and surely you'll all fondly remember the loving Mom she was, and and her strong faith in our Lord. I'm sorry for your loss. My heartfelt condolences to all, Renee Wenger*

Renee Wenger - July 10, 2018 at 07:12 PM

JF

“ *Jackie was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. She will forever be remembered as a sweet, kind and loving lady, with a smile on her face, and a story to tell. She loved her family, and was so very proud of them. My mom, Verna Bakkum, Jackie's 1st cousin, loved talking to her on the phone. Sometimes you would have thought they were sisters, not cousins, as they had such a sweet bond. May all of your wonderful memories comfort you, and your love bring you peace. Heaven, most certainly, gained another Angel. ❤️ "Until we meet again...." Judy Bakkum Franze*

Judy Franze - July 10, 2018 at 06:01 PM

MB

Jackie was a 1953 classmate at Westby High School. She was bubbly and dependable. In years later she taught me Realestate. May she Rest In Peace and you as a family had a very strong and kind mother. Margaret Volden Baker, LaCrosse, WI

margaret baker - July 11, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jacqueline D. Nielsen.*



July 10, 2018 at 04:53 PM

BN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with each one of you. Jackie was a wonderful mother and friend. We go "way back", however, the one memory I have is when Jim would walk across the field in the morning to walk with Kirk to school. Even after we left Dodgeville Jackie and I kept in touch. We had connections from Westby days also so always something to talk about. She would send me letters and they always included things about her children. She was proud of each one of you and that she could be. Remember all the good times you had with her and look forward to meeting up with her again, one day! God's blessings to each one of you as you mourn her loss. Blessed be her memory!!

Betty Ann Nelson - July 10, 2018 at 01:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jacqueline D. Nielsen.



July 10, 2018 at 12:31 PM

Sherry Ray

“ Sherry Ray sent a virtual gift in memory of Jacqueline D. Nielsen



Sherry Ray - July 10, 2018 at 12:27 PM

DJ

“ I have so many fond memories of your mom, Darci. Sleepovers at your house, amazing pancakes for breakfast, Girl Scouts, being invited on a trip to your cabin....and so much more. As we get older we are able to recognize genuine people. Your mom was one of them. I saw her a couple of years ago at my cousin, Jim Jacobson's funeral. I had a long conversation with Jackie. She wanted to know all about my life, what I have been doing and about my son. She was so interested in my well-being as if I was one of her kids. She truly cared. She was such a rare gem....and will live in my heart forever. Praying for peace and comfort for you all❤️

Dena Jacobson - July 10, 2018 at 11:33 AM

LG

“ Jackie and her family have been friends with our family for over 50 years. When all the kids were small we spent lots of time at Governor Dodge State Park swimming and picnicking. Jackie and I worked in Girls Scouts together for several years. We watched each others children grow into the great adults they have become. I have never met such a strong woman as Jackie. She's been a survivor all of her life. She has always made friends very easily and believes in them. She loves people, especially her family and friends. Jackie, you have enriched our lives just by knowing you. Rest in peace our friend and fly high with those who have gone before you. Our memories of you will stay here on earth and always be with us. Friends, Bob, Laura, Paula, Scott and Angie

Laura Gross - July 10, 2018 at 11:32 AM