



Janice A Nelson

May 28, 1927 - November 1, 2020

Janice Arlene Nelson, 93, of Clear Lake, IA died Sunday, November 1, 2020 in Minneapolis, MN.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 am Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Clear Lake Evangelical Free Church, 1310 Hwy 18 West, Clear Lake.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the Central Gardens of North Iowa, the Association for the Preservation of Clear Lake, and the Evangelical Free Church.

Janice was born May 28, 1927 in Thornton, Iowa to William and Mayme (Matson) Duitscher on the family farm. Although growing up on a farm during The Great Depression wasn't always easy, she soon realized how fortunate their family was with so many people out of work and hungry. She went on to graduate in 1944 from Clear Lake High School at age 17 and then joined the war effort by going to work for the FBI in Washington, D.C. Not long after, Janice married her high-school sweetheart, Tom Nelson on March 6, 1945 in Long Beach, California where he was stationed during his service with the U.S. Navy during WWII.

After the war ended Janice and Tom returned to Clear Lake, where they lived and raised their family. Tom passed away in 2010, and the couple is survived by their four children, Dr. Michael Nelson (and wife, Jananne) of Minnetonka, MN, Dr. Kirk Nelson (and partner Lynn Evans of Clear Lake), Kim Nelson (and wife, Jennifer) of Kirkland, WA, and Nina Gravelle of Eden Prairie, MN.

Janice was the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren - Dana Nelson, Nicole (and her husband, Dr. Andrew) Moffitt, Tanner Nelson, Alex and Jordan Nelson, Matson, Samuel, and Anna Gravelle, as well as four great-grandchildren, Diego and Amir Perez Nelson, and Cade and Grace Moffitt.

Janice was preceded in death by her brother Arnold Duitscher, who passed away in 2016

at the age of 91. Arnie's wife, Madlyn, and their daughters survive Arnold and Janice. Janice and Tom were the founders of Nelson Petroleum Products of Clear Lake, Iowa, and they owned the Super 8 Motel in Clear Lake for 28 years as well as several gas stations. While Janice helped run the businesses, she also found time for many hobbies including her love of cooking, gardening and arranging flowers for weekly church services and local weddings.

Janice's cooking was a delight to all, with her meals and holiday gatherings to be remembered in the years to come. Her spectacular garden outside the family home was often admired and photographed by locals.

Janice was a member of the Clear Lake Evangelical Free Church, the PEO chapter EA in which she held many positions including president, Twentieth Century Club, and the Clear Lake Garden Club. She followed University of Iowa sports for over 60 years, attending four University of Iowa Rose Bowls, and attended the Calgary and Los Angeles Olympics.

Events

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	Clear Lake Evangelical Free Church	
	1310 US-18, Clear Lake, IA, US, 50428	

Comments



“ I loved knowing Janice, having met her through the CL Friendly Garden Club. Each time I rode around the lake I made sure to slow down to see her beautiful gardens. She was quite the lady and a wonderful asset to our community!

Cheryl Sheimo - August 03 at 07:08 PM



“ To the Nelson Family, we are so sorry for your loss. What a great lady.
Mike and Sue Keefe

Mike Keefe - November 06, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Nelson family. We have lost a dear friend and neighbor. We will miss her quick wit and smile. We were privileged to have known Janice and Tom since Craig joined the wonderful group at Nelson Petroleum so many years back and in all the years since. God Bless.

Nancy Richey - November 04, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Janice will be GREATLY. MISSED !!!!
JIM. & SANDY. HANSEN. !!

Jim. & sandy. Hansen - November 04, 2020 at 01:34 PM