



Lauree Deal

July 28, 1932 - May 24, 2020

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Date of Death: May 24, 2020

Private graveside services for Lauree Deal, 87, of Bagley, Iowa, will be held on May 29, 2020 at Dodge Township Cemetery, Bagley, Iowa. Friends may view the graveside service on Facebook Live on the Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home Facebook Page (link provided at the bottom of the page) starting at 10am Friday, May 29, 2020.

Obituary Lauree Widick Deal

E. Lauree Widick Deal, age 87, long-time resident of rural Bagley, Iowa passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Israel Family Hospice House in Ames, Iowa, with her girls by her side.

Lauree was born July 28, 1932 to Clifford and Ione Widick of rural Stratford, Iowa. Lauree was raised on a farm and attended country school until high school. As a young girl, she was a horsewoman and an excellent seamstress.

She worked in the family restaurant, graduating from Lehigh High School. She began college at Iowa State Teachers' College at the age of 17. There, she met the love of her life, Robert 'Bobby' Deal. Within three weeks they were engaged and in three months, married at the United Methodist Church in Lehigh, Iowa.

She finished an Associate Degree, taught one semester in Rippey, Iowa and then joined her husband in Baltimore where he served in the United States Army during the Korean War. They moved to San Antonio, Texas when he was assigned to the Counter Intelligence Corps. It was there that their first daughter, Kathleen Marie was born.

Upon discharge from the service, they returned to Iowa to the Deal family farm, where Bob was born and raised. Their family grew with the birth of Donna Lee and Carol Ann. Bob

coached and taught in Linden, Bagley, and Bayard and they farmed. Following obtaining his Master's Degree, he served as Elementary Principal in Coon Rapids. Lauree taught fourth grade in Guthrie Center School. She commuted to Drake University to complete her Bachelor's Degree and went right on to earn her Master's Degree in Education.

Lauree owned and operated a fabric store, Lauree's Fabrics, in Bagley. She became a Mary Kay Sales Director at the age of 76, achieving many honors. She was a member of Greenbrier United Methodist Church and a variety of women's service organizations. She was preceded in death, by her husband in 1985, her parents, and her siblings Pearl Mae Widick Lauver, Donnie Widick, and Audrey Widick Schmoker.

She is survived by daughter Kathleen Deal, (Mark Hauge) of Bagley and Stanhope, daughter Donna Deardorff (Kevin) of Ames, and daughter Carol Eilers (Dave) of Grimes; five grandchildren: Lucas (Amber) Deardorff, Betsy (Nick) Crist, Devin (Shanna) Eilers, Karen Lauree Eilers, Chelsea Eilers and great grandchildren Elaina, Natalya, and Elijah Deardorff, and Henry and Elizabeth Crist. She is survived by beloved nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

For the health and safety of all, services at Dodge Township Cemetery will be limited to immediate family, Friday, May 29, 2020. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home, Jefferson, Iowa; A virtual service may be viewed on Facebook Live on the Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home Facebook Page at 10am on Friday, May 29, 2020. The Facebook Page can be reached at:

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Cemetery

Dodge Center Cemetery

2418 130th Street

Bagley, IA, 50026

Comments



“ Lauree and Bob always treated like their own. I enjoyed hauling silage for Bob and Bill . My uncle Dean was spreading manure from the Deal hog farm(Old Bob/ Veras home place), on his Clark farm, he warned Bobby, Bill wind might carry it south on neighbor, it sure did! Dean commented that Bobby had Henry Kissinger negotiations to calm neighbor! My Dad, Lauree would often end up at Bagley cafe for coffee, and at was old Delberts DX, Lauree was witty, often to the point, caring. Anyway , they're all in heaven together, one day soon we will all be praising our Lord and Savior together. Hope all you are well. J Yates

jerry yates - November 24, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences to the DEAL family, close relatives and friends of Lauree Deal!!! I am so saddened by the news of her passing! The Deal family and I have that Robert Deal Elementary "connection" ... found out all about her late husband and Lauree as well when I became the prideful elem. principal @ Deal Elem. in the summer of 1998!! I of course heard all the great stories of the beloved Mr. Deal as principal (the terrific Terry Vitzthum before me of course as well!) from the staff and community members in those first few years. The great thing is I was able to get to know Lauree as well through various school events and memorial events; and also at the bittersweet, sad and emotional closing of the Deal Elem. school bldg. back in 2012 (?!?!); I believe?!?! Anyway, what a special family; and special woman this Mrs. Deal was to be sure!!! I am so, so happy that I could meet her, get to know her, and hopefully carry on the proud tradition of this elementary school and honor the memory of her late husband and her family as the principal/supt.! Lauree was always positive, understanding, supportive and loving to all those connected to Coon Rapids-Bayard CSD and especially Robert Deal Elementary! She will be greatly missed! #Prayers #Sympathies #Respect

Rich Stoffers - June 04, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ We loved Lauree's sharp wit and sense of humor. She usually always had something to say. She always made your feel like you were very special to her and did her best to make you feel comfortable. She will be missed by so many.

Sue iller - May 30, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Thinking of you all at this time. Lauree was such a nice person. Marion Hocke

Marion Hocke - May 29, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ What wonderful memories I have of your lovely mom when I was asked to help Lauree and Bob on their farm after school. They were so kind to me and everyone they met. They also were great inspirations to me and had become my mentors. Lauree continued our friendship long after beloved Bob's death. We so enjoyed hearing her talk of her family and living her life to the fullest. She was the best . Dean & Sherrie Cretsinger

Sherrie Cretsinger - May 29, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Dear Family of Lauree Deal, My sympathy to all of you and especially to Kathleen and Mark, who I knew personally . May our dear Lord comfort you and bless you all . With love, Myrna Weiland

Myrna Weiland - May 28, 2020 at 11:43 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memorial Folder



Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home - May 28, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lauree Deal.



May 28, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ We enjoyed meeting your lively mother at Jerry's service two years ago. So sorry for your loss. Tom and Barbara from Montana.

Barbara Archer - May 27, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ Such a classy lady and teacher of so many. Her smile was genuine. Widowed way too soon she endured. One of a kind.

Paula Halsey-Behrens - May 27, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ I remember her fondly, she was a great teacher!

Laurie Spencer - May 28, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Christie Sposeto purchased the Cheryl's Classic Gift Tin Tower for the family of Lauree Deal.



Christie Sposeto - May 27, 2020 at 08:27 PM



“ I will always remember the "teacher that can't teach in those high heels all day". And of course she would never let anyone be the principal but me. I will so miss our afternoon chats in my office. I will always love your mom for the kind, compassionate soul she was! I miss her already. Love to you all.

Christie Sposeto - May 27, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Very sad to read of Mrs. Deal's passing. She was my 4th grade teacher and instilled a love of reading in me that has lasted a lifetime. She read wonderful books to our class like The Black Stallion and Where the Red Fern Grows. She was always kind and talked about her family often. She was the kind of elementary teacher every child should have. May good memories give her family comfort and God give them strength in the days ahead. Michelle (Kuster) Reimers

Michelle Reimers - May 27, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ My condolences to your families. Mrs. Deal was my 4th grade teacher many, many years ago. She was always so warm & caring. If all teachers were like her, every child would receive the best education from one that truly cared about them.

Kristie Sheeder

Kristie Sheeder - May 27, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ Kathy, Donna, & Carol, you are in my thoughts and prayers I have so many great memories of and with you Mom. And I love every one of them. We laughed and cried through many of them. You shared in some of them, Kathy. You will know how much I will miss her, our memories will live on. My Love to all of you, God Bless and may you have Peace, Bi

Belva Peterson - May 27, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Lauree was one of the nicest lady. Always enjoyed her visits in our office, along the street, or when the kids were in school. Always seemed so happy. Our prayers and sympathy to the entire family.

Ralph and Barb Schramm - May 27, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Cherish all the wonderful memories you have.
Deb Hall Hughes

Deb Hughes - May 27, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ Mrs Deal changed my life so much for the good - I LOVED 4th grade!!! As a dyslexic student in the early 70s it was not easy! 3rd grade was rough, 5th grade the worst but 4th grade - such good memories !!! Mrs Deal NEVER made me feel stupid - opposed to a 5th grade teacher who actually ask me how I could be so stupid I Remeber hugs and patience as she would remind me we are all different and that I would get it just don't stop trying And I didn't Mrs Deal made me want to be a teacher so I could treat kids the way she treated me - then I realized 4 years of college - and went a different path - but I have always had the heart of a teacher because of her - and have learned how to compensate for my dyslexia what a wonderful teacher!!!!

brenda stringer esdohr - May 27, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Deal family. I am so sorry to see of Mrs. Deal's passing.

I have special memories of fourth grade being in Mrs. Deal's class. I loved her sense of humor and laughter which made it fun to learn.

I am especially grateful that she laughed (after she screamed) when I had hidden in the coat closet in her classroom and handed her a hanger when she opened the door to hang up her coat after recess one day! :) I also enjoyed "helping" in her classroom during my high school years while a member of SES (Students for Educational Services).

I loved going to her fabric store after she retired...she was always so pleasant and happy! To this day, I can remember the sound of her voice and laughter in my heart's memory.

She made a difference in many children's lives through the years....I know that because one of them was mine.

Rest easy, Mrs. Deal...and thank you! <3



Ann (Leib) Polito - May 27, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Mrs. Deal was my 4th grade teacher in Guthrie Center in 1982-83. I remember her fondly and have always remembered her as a wonderful influence in my life. Prayers for the family. Peace, love and light. John Flanery, Guthrie Center class of '91.

John Flanery - May 27, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to your family. Enjoyed having your mother as a teacher. She made learning very enjoyable. Many wonderful memories of her. Prayers for your family.

Shary Sargent - May 27, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Bob, Lauree and their three daughters, mostly associated with the Greenbrier United Methodist Church. They made us feel so welcome.
Our sons and their daughters were good friends over the years.
Lauree was such a special individual. She helped so many people by her support and her prayers. She will be missed by many, many family and friends.
Jo Ella Lawton

Jo Ella Lawton - May 27, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Lauree was a very special person.

Arlene Johnson - May 27, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lauree Deal.



May 27, 2020 at 12:31 AM



“ The families of Kent, Gary and Kevin Deal purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lauree Deal.



The families of Kent, Gary and Kevin Deal - May 26, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lauree Deal.



May 26, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ Patty purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lauree Deal.



Patty - May 26, 2020 at 03:14 PM