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Louise Gail Onken, 50, of Boone passed away at home on Monday, December 21, 2020. She was born on February 26, 1970, in Ames, Iowa the daughter of Norm Lyon and Judy (Briggie) Denato.

Louise graduated from Ballard High School in 1988, and then attended Iowa State University. She worked at Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic in Boone as a Vet Assistant where she was able to show her love for animals, especially cats.

Louise was a member of the Civic Center, where she enjoyed going to musicals. She loved music, attending live concerts, and also loved movies, especially Disney movies. Traveling was something that Louise enjoyed. She loved going to her nieces and nephews' activities and loved watching them grow into young adults.

Louise was a very loving person who was always willing to help with whatever was needed. She trusted in God's plan for her, and it was time for her to be rewarded for remaining faithful to it.

Louise was preceded in death by her father Norm Lyon; and both sets of grandparents.

Survivors include her mother Judy (Jim) Denato of Ames, IA; stepmother Becky Lyon Aspengren of Boone, IA; sister Lynette Peterson of Jefferson, IA; and step-sister Melissa Jacobson of Riverside, IA; Nieces and Nephews: Hannah, Victoria, and Chance Peterson of Jefferson, IA; Emily Gray of Sloan, IA; Nathan and Carrie Jacobson of Riverside, IA; Aunts: Edie (Rod) Samuelson of Johnston, IA, and Joann (Dick) Sargent of Fountain Hills, AZ.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Boone Area Humane Society.

Due to COVID-19, a private family graveside service will be held at the Ames Municipal Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left at [www.schroederfuneral.com](http://www.schroederfuneral.com)

Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home

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# Cemetery

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## **Ames Munciple Cemetery**

310 E. 9th Street

Ames, IA, 50010

# Comments

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“ Louise was a breath of fresh air and could make you instantly feel better the moment she saw you. Her efficiency and depth of knowledge were equally impressive. Louise will be deeply missed and we will cherish her memory. We will also keep prayers for her family and friends in mind. Byron and Margaret Davis

**Byron and Margaret Davis** - December 31, 2020 at 12:49 AM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Louise's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of her family. I knew her from Helping Hands. She was so kind, cheerful, understanding, comforting and knew just what to say when I was worried about one of my cats. She treated them as if they were her own. Louise was the kind of person who made anybody's life better just by knowing her. I will never forget her! Love, Barb Jeffress

**Barb Jeffress** - December 30, 2020 at 03:04 AM

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“ I just saw this and am so sad and just stunned. Louise was such a calming, gentle person to greet us when we entered Helping Hands. Didn't always go there under the best of circumstances and she eased the anxiety, was so friendly and informative EVERY time we ever spoke to her. We also called with questions and got the same treatment. You could tell she genuinely cared about our 4 legged babies and us. Please accept my husband and my heartfelt condolences. She will be greatly missed.  
Mark and Sandi Indvik

**Sandi** - December 27, 2020 at 02:14 AM

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“ Judy, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your daughter. I never met her, but in reading all the tributes it sounds like she was very good with pets and people. I'm sure she will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with you, family, and friends of Lou. Take Care.

**Mary Fran Doud** - December 24, 2020 at 05:08 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Happy family times



Ronda Sargent-Holtom - December 23, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ My heart and thoughts are with you, Judy and Jim, and all of Lou's loved ones. I only met her a couple of times, but I really liked her. She was so nice ... just like her mom. Take care! Love you all!

Roxanne Payne - December 23, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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“ I remember Lou from the the vet's office. She was always so kind and cared so much. I am so very sorry for your loss. May you find God's comfort at this time.

Kathy Bever - December 23, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ My prayers for her family and friends.  
Louise, please know you will be missed by many  
You will not be forgotten and forever in our hearts

Nana Rhonda - December 23, 2020 at 10:47 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss of “Lou” □ We lost touch over the years but have so many memories with her and “Lynny” we went sledding together, rode horses and were basically best friend cousins! Our prayers are with all of you We love you all!

Brenda “Sargent” Chenal - December 23, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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“ Louise was always such a nice lady. Very nice to visit with her at the Vet clinic. Was so loving with all the pets, she loved Theo our little dog. So sorry for your loss,

**Ronna O Brien** - December 22, 2020 at 08:47 PM

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“ Lynette— So sorry to see the loss of your sister! Sympathies an Prayers to you an kids an all of your family!

**peggy east** - December 22, 2020 at 07:08 PM

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“ Lou, we will miss you so much. You were the most gentle, kind and loving person. Sending love and hugs to all of Lou's family members. Take care. Cousin Ronda Sargent-Holtom and husband Tim Holtom. xoxo

**Ronda Sargent-Holtom** - December 22, 2020 at 05:29 PM