

*AS I SIT IN HEAVEN*

*As I sit in heaven  
And watch you every day  
I try to let you know with signs  
I never went away.*

*I hear you when you're laughing  
And watch you as you sleep  
I even place my arms around you  
To calm you as you weep.*

*I see you wish the days away  
Begging to have me home  
So I try to send you signs  
So you know you're not alone.*

*Don't feel guilty that you have  
Life that was denied to me  
Heaven is truly beautiful  
Just you wait and see.*

*So live your life, laugh again  
Enjoy yourself, be free  
Then I know with every breath you take  
You'll be taking one for me.*

*Celebrating The Life Of  
Wendy Sue Jones*



*June 10, 1955  
December 24, 2024*



Wendy Sue Jones passed away peacefully on December 24, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Wendy was born on June 10, 1955, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Robert Lee and Jean Marie (Finley) Jones. She attended McCook School before continuing her education at Colorado Tech in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Wendy held a variety of roles throughout her life, including school bus driver for the Alcester-Hudson School District, cashier at Cenex and Club House Express, and employee at Custom Coils and Alkota in Alcester, South Dakota. Additionally, she worked as a lunch aide for the Sioux City Public Schools, at Kum & Go and K-Products in Hawarden, and as a valued member of the lawn and garden center at Walmart in Sioux Falls, one of her favorite jobs.

Wendy was a natural caregiver, with a deep love for children and animals. Her most rewarding and cherished role, however, was being a devoted mother to her four children. Her vibrant personality and passion for life were evident in her many hobbies, including fishing, camping, gardening, and crafting. Wendy was known for leaving her door open for anyone and doing anything she could to make everyone feel welcome and important. She was also known for her dedication to caring for neighborhood stray cats, always opening her heart and home to animals in need.

Wendy is survived by her children: Mindie (Jon) Selchert of Hawarden, IA, Richard (Jessica) Carlson of Coral Springs, FL, and Christopher (Angela) Carlson of Beresford, SD. She is also survived by her siblings: Kathy Jones of Sioux City, IA, Vicki (Roger) Merryman of Sioux City, IA, Judy (Mike) Fox of Sioux City, IA, Peggy (Mark) Tramontina of Sioux City, IA, and Dennis (Robin) Jones of Alcester, SD. Wendy's legacy continues through her beloved grandchildren-Ashlyn, Abigail, Kaitlyn, Cheyenne, Amber, Adrianna, Hailee, Addison, Dawson, Ashton, Cameron, Paige, Max, CJ, Tate, and Ben-and her great-grandchildren, Tyler, Kaden, Kannin, Henley, Kinsley, Kru, Aryah, Thea, and Luca. She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Wendy was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Joe Beavers; her nephews, Josh Trobaugh, Jeffrey Borchers, and Chad Borchers; her niece, Stephanie Fox; and other loved ones who undoubtedly welcomed her home including her cherished cat, Joseph.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Wendy Sue Jones**

June 10, 1955 † December 24, 2024

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 12, 2025  
Porter Funeral Home  
Hawarden, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Mary Hendricks-Wilkens  
Nathaniel Lutheran Church  
Alcester, South Dakota

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Cry Out To Jesus” Third Day  
“There Will Be A Day” Jeremy Camp  
“A Song For Mama” Boyz 11 Men

In Wendy's memory, may we all embrace  
the wisdom she lived by:

Ecclesiastes 3:12

“I know that there is nothing better for people than  
to be happy and to do good while they live.”