



Janene E Lovgren

January 9, 1936 - June 10, 2023

Clay Center resident Janene E. (Ockinga) Lovgren, 87 passed away Saturday, June 10, 2023, at her home in Clay Center, NE.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Clay Center Christian Church with Rev. Arick Johanson officiating. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., with the family present from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., at Clay Center Christian Church in Clay Center, NE.

Services will be live-streamed from <https://www.youtube.com/@claycenterchristian6395>

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

Janene E. (Ockinga) Lovgren was born in Hastings, NE., on January 9, 1936, to Fredrick E. and Mable F. (Davis) Ockinga. Janene was the oldest of five children born to Fred and Mable. She moved from Spring Ranch, NE., to Clay Center, NE., as a young child. She graduated from Clay Center High School in 1953 and stayed in Clay Center where she worked for her dad. Fred bought eggs, milk, and chickens from local farmers and resold the produce at Hastings. Janene would handle eggs and help separate the whole milk at the store in Clay Center, while she sold produce to the walk-in customers. She

later worked at the local jewelry/pharmacy store with her brother Gordon until she became employed at the ASCS office in Clay Center where she was employed until her retirement.

Janene met a handsome young man from Harvard, NE., named Wayne L. Lovgren, and they were married after Wayne was discharged from the U.S. Army after spending a tour of duty in Korea. They were married on July 22, 1955. Two children were born to Wayne and Janene. Mark W. Lovgren on August 30, 1959, and Eric T. Lovgren on September 30, 1967. The couple made their home on a farm 3 miles west and 1 ½ miles north of Clay Center. Wayne farmed and Janene would drive truck at harvest, take care of the household chores and take care of the children. After a few years in a cold farmhouse, Wayne and Janene moved to Clay Center, where they enjoyed the city life, and continued to farm. Later in life they enjoyed traveling and golfing as often as possible.

Janene's health declined gradually for the past 3 years, and had been a resident at Providence Place in Hastings, NE. Janene moved back to Clay Center at the end of May. Janene was lovingly cared for at her son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Kelly Lovgren's home during her last days of life.

Janene was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne L. Lovgren; her father, Fred E. Ockinga; her mother, Mable F. Ockinga; siblings, Norma J. Burklund; Roger D. Ockinga and an infant; granddaughters, Jordyn Lovgren and Kiley Lovgren.

Left to mourn her passing are her sons, Mark W. Lovgren; Eric T. and wife Kelly Lovgren; siblings, Victor L. (Nicky) Ockinga; Gordon L. (Marge) Ockinga; grandchildren, Alexandra (Lexie) Lovgren; Laine Lovgren; Kayin Lovgren; Cale Lovgren.

Cemetery Details

Clay Center Cemetery

31371 Woodland Rd
Clay Center, NE 68933

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Clay Center Christian Church
31371 Woodland Rd
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Family Present At Visitation

JUN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - June 15, 2023 at 02:54 PM

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“ There has been so many wonderful memories for me with Janine... Golfing at the cow patty golf course in Lawrence when it was 102° out... Going in the truck during harvest time... Always remember the time when we taped a clock to her vacuum cleaner because we always gave her such a hard time about her cleaningwe thought it was hilarious, but I don't think Janine was too crazy about the idea... Lol Janine was always very dear to my heart even though I didn't get to see her these last few years and she was always fun to be around and as I said she love to golf... the golfing brings to mind when Janine hit the gas pedal on the golf cart and went down in the ravine at Southern Hills. That was a pretty big oops... She was lucky she didn't get hurt. My prayers are with you.... Aunt Pat

Pat Wood - June 12, 2023 at 08:14 PM

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Fun stories, Aunt Pat!

Laura Burklund Mussman - June 15, 2023 at 09:27 AM