



Janice "Jan" June Salestrom

June 2, 1926 - February 5, 2014

Janice "Jan" June Salestrom, 87 of Kearney, died Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at the Madonna Hospital in Lincoln. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM, Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. The Rev. Eric Lesher will officiate. Interment will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7pm, Monday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney and one hour prior to service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. On-line condolences may be submitted to osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Jan was born in Bancroft, NE on June 2, 1926 to Clinton and Claire (Ransom) Copple.

She was married to Virgil Salestrom in Bancroft on Nov. 7, 1947. They lived in Ralston until 1962, then Beatrice from 1962-65; Holdrege from 1965-69 and Kearney from '69 to the present.

She was proud to be a registered nurse and a graduate of Bishop Clarkson Nursing College. She was a member of PEO Chapter GG in Kearney and was an active member at First Lutheran Church where she enjoyed singing in the choir and serving in the church committees and circles. She and Virgil were charter members of Trinity Methodist Church (formerly EUB-Evangelical United Brethren) in Ralston, NE and helped form the Golden K Kiwanis group in Kearney. She loved antique furniture and in later years loved to shop thrift, second hand and antique stores everywhere she traveled. She and Virgil

traveled extensively in Europe, the British Isles, and the motherland of Sweden and the rest of Scandinavia. They also explored Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, cruised the Panama Canal, Alaska, the islands in the Caribbean, and spent several winters in the gulf ports of Texas.

She leaves three sons, Chuck (Kristi) of North Platte, NE; Jim, (Pam) of Arvada, CO; and Tom (Angela) of Sioux Falls, SD; six grandchildren, Josh (Shelby), Jenny, Casey, James, Benjamin and Jack and one great - granddaughter, Sheridan Claire. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Rebecca Copple of Billings, MT., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents Claire and Clinton Copple of Bancroft, NE; husband Virgil Eugene Leonard Salestrom of Kearney, NE; brothers, sisters and spouses: Bill and Berniece Copple of Bancroft, NE; Rockne Copple of Billings MT; Ransom and Gladyce Copple Hayden of Chicago, IL; and sisters Theresa Claire Copple (infant); Mary Belle Knott of CA; Charlotte Thuman (Cliff) Fox and George Thuman of Ralston, NE and later Kearney, NE and daughter-in-law Jolene Hansen Salestrom of Sioux Falls, SD.

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice "Jan" June Salestrom*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I'll never forget the first time I met Jan. We had just moved in next door and she brought a plate of homemade donuts to welcome us to the neighborhood. Jan and Virg went on to become great friends...It was comforting knowing the were next door.*

My prayers are with you, Chuck, Jim and Tom.

Jane McClure

jane mcclure - February 20, 2014 at 02:04 AM

LJ

“ On August 30, 1997 I was so blessed to have a little girl who was born with congenital heart disease and Down syndrome. GSHS airlifted her to Children's Hospital in Omaha where she would endure three heart surgeries and countless days and weeks in the hospital. I brought little Marti home only to watch her struggle to survive. There were many hurdles ahead of her and my life was turned upside down. One day a book arrived on my doorstep. It was from a woman I had never met, a woman who wanted to comfort another mom, who assured me in the brief note she wrote inside the cover that this little girl would change my life and help me see just how special we all are in God's wonderful plan. Her name sounded familiar as I grew up listening to her son's music. (I still have the Timberline album.) But, I had never met her nor anyone in her family. I never forgot this act of kindness from a woman who did not know me, nor my family. It came at a time when I most needed some sense of reassurance that my daughter had not suffered for a life of mistreatment and prejudice from others. Because of her warm gesture of compassion she gave me hope. Jan Salestrom will forever be a special angel in my life and I know she is forever watching over my daughter and her own grandchildren as well.

L. Jacobsen - February 19, 2014 at 09:18 PM

CN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The Elwyn and Lois Nicklasson family.

Connie Nicklasson - February 19, 2014 at 08:40 AM

RM

“ Chuck, Jim and Tom,

You guys have been in our thoughts and prayers the past few days. We were unable to attend today, please accept our condolences. Jan was always upbeat and a "full steam ahead" lady. She and your dad were so proud of you guys! They were very caring parents and great people. God Bless you at this time.

Tom and Regina McCann

Regina and Tom McCann - February 18, 2014 at 09:45 PM

JB

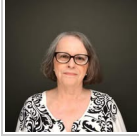
“ You guys had two wonderful parents. Barb and I always enjoyed any time spent with them. Mary and Chris join us in wishing you all the best. Love Barb & John Bancroft

John Bancroft - February 18, 2014 at 08:04 PM

SS

“ Chuck, Jim and family - Our deepest sympathy to you and yours during this time. I remember your mother visiting in your garage while we were preparing Snow White's rose bed for our junior prom in Holdrege. She was a very sweet person. Suzanne (Richmond) Strickland

Suzanne Strickland - February 18, 2014 at 04:16 PM



“ *Chuck and Kristi and the rest of the Salestrom clan,*

Jan was one of my favorite people of all time. She was always so friendly and affirming and just an all around great person. Having Virg and her move into the neighborhood across from the high school was a true gift. I know she will be heartily missed, as I assume Virg is, but please know how much so many of us thought of both Jan and Virg.

Nancy McCammon-Hansen

Nancy Hansen - February 16, 2014 at 03:16 PM

TP

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Salestrom family. especially our old Kearney friends Chuck, Jim and Tom. We remember your mother well, and fondly. A very special person, as was Virg. Though many years and many miles ago, we still have a special place in our hearts for the Kearney days, and the truly nice people there, like your mother. Our thoughts and prayers go with you and your mom.*

*Terry & Hollye Peterson
Omaha*

Terry Peterson - February 16, 2014 at 10:51 AM

ML

“ *I thought so very much of your parents and I am sorry I cannot be there to celebrate your mother's life!*

Mary Ellen Lantis

Mary Ellen Lantis - February 14, 2014 at 10:43 AM

SD

“ I remember Jan, Virg and all the boys fondly. I remember so well the time I went to Belgium with them in early 90's. At that time, Virg told us that he would die early and Jan would outlive him a long time. As I visited Jan over the years I often thought of him and his prediction. Love to all of you!! Sandy DeSelms

Sandy DeSelms - February 10, 2014 at 03:40 PM

JS

Thank-you Sandy for believing in my voice and for being friends with Jan and Virg. They loved you folks! Love Jim and Pam

Jim Salestrom - February 17, 2014 at 07:32 AM



“ 16 files added to the album Spending time with Jan



Deb Clark Rohla - February 06, 2014 at 09:53 PM

VS

I am a high school friend of Jan's and knew her family as well. We kept in touch until the last few years. I sang at their wedding and shared many fun times. I know she will be missed.

Virginia Harms Schroeder - February 16, 2014 at 08:13 AM