



Cynthia Lee Van Ringelestein

February 27, 1937 - September 9, 2020

Cynthia Lee Van Ringelestein was born February 27, 1937, in Denver, Colorado, to Albert J. Brandsma and Joan A. VanGenderen. Her name at the time of her birth was Arlene Joyce Brandsma, which was changed when she was adopted by her stepfather John F. Breitzke. She grew up in Denver, Colorado.

She was married to John E. Van Ringelestein on September 7, 1956 and moved to Iowa to become a farm wife. They have three children Steven (Lori) Van Ringelestein of Ottumwa, Craig (Sharon) Van Ringelestein of Fremont, and Lisa (Iden) Dunsmoor of Chariton; they have seven grandchildren, Stacia West, Jennifer (Joey) Fletcher, Chad (Courtney) Van Ringelestein, Sylvia (Tyler) Brown, Katrina Van Ringelestein, Amber (Matt) Creason, and Larissa Smith. They have eight great grandchildren, Jade and Noah West, Kinley Fincher, Mira, Spencer, and Vincent Brown, MaKenzie and Mason Fletcher.

Lee was a long-time member of Cedar Christian Reformed Church. She was the Director of Vacation Bible School for many years. She held offices in Women's Fellowship Hour. She arranged sanctuary flowers and taught Sunday School. She served one term as a School Board Member of the Fremont Community school and was instrumental in having Musco Lights on the ball field. She served as the Richland Township Clerk overseeing Westview Cemetery in Kirksville for many years. She was a director of Bible

Club at the Kirkville Town Hall for 13 years. She was a member of Modern Mothers Club, Card Club, North Richland Homemakers, and Wapello County Porkettes. She was co-leader for Frisky Fremonters 4-H Club for 10 years. She was also a very active member of Fremont Community Theatre as both set designer and an actress.

She is survived by her husband of over 64 years, John. John made beautiful oak furniture and she finished it. She also did interior painting and wallpapering. She loved outdoor flowers, word find puzzles, several daily television programs, and Facebook. Her granddaughter Amber Creason helped her greatly after she had a lawn mower accident and fractured her femur bone in her leg and had difficulty walking without assistance. She enjoyed farm life and will be waiting at Heaven's Gates for her loved ones to join her serving God.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 12, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in the Cedar Christian Reformed Church in Cedar with Reverend John Ritsema officiating. There will be a family prayer service at 10:15 Saturday morning in the fellowship hall of the church. Burial will be in the Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa. The Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation with the family present will be Friday evening from 5-7 p.m. in the Cedar Christian Reformed Church in Cedar. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

634 North 9th Street
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Previous Events

Family Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Christian Reformed Church
3056 Rutledge Ave
Cedar, IA 52543

Funeral Service

SEP 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Steve, Craig and Lisa -- I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was so important to Cedar church and was a good friend to my parents -- Ken & Gerri Van Gilst. She wrote a lovely note to my mom just before my dad passed that meant so much to her. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Love to your Dad.

Jaci (Van Gilst) David

Jaci David - September 14, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cyntha Lee Van Ringelestein.



September 11, 2020 at 12:14 PM

DJ

“ As her pastor, I always enjoyed stopping by her place to visit with her. Surely, she will be missed!

Donald Leonard Jabaay - September 11, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Cyntha Lee Van Ringlestein.



September 11, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Cyntha Lee Van Ringlestein.



September 10, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cyntha Lee Van Ringlestein.



September 10, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ Lee will be missed for all her work with Bible School. The kids all looked forward to her helping every year. So did the teachers. Gerri VG

Gerri VG - September 10, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cynthia Lee Van Ringlestein.*



September 10, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ *DONALD DYKE,BUD AND MARYLIN ,ANGEILA. TRIMBLE purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cynthia Lee Van Ringlestein.*



DONALD DYKE,BUD AND MARYLIN ,ANGEILA. TRIMBLE -
September 10, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Lee was instrumental in our Community plays. She had that certain touch to make the stage blend in with the themes of our plays .Very devoted to her family and friends. RIP Lee*

Scott and Beverly Bethune

Scott Bethune - September 10, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ *Lee was one special lady. Her family was her pride and joy. I will always remember the good times I had with her and John on Prestige trips. She could always make me laugh. She had a heart of gold and was so generous. She will be missed.*

Janice West - September 10, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Lee Van Ringlestein.* ”



September 10, 2020 at 06:05 PM