



## Donajene Tjelmeland

August 26, 1932 - September 23, 2015

A Graveside Service for Donajene Tjelmeland, 83 of Chariton, will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Roland Cemetery in Roland, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in care of Donajene's family.

Donajene was born to Melville and Fern (Briggs) Kent-Howe on August 26, 1932 in Lucas County, Iowa. She went to school in Nevada and graduated from Nevada High School. Donajene was united in marriage to William M. Tjelmeland on September 15, 1952 while he was in the service. The couple adopted a child, Stephan Tjelmeland. Her son was her world.

They lived in Story County, then Clarke County, eventually settling back in Lucas County. Donajene worked as a nursing assistant in all three counties. She worked at Story County Home for many years.

Donajene had a soft spot for animals, especially kittens and dogs. She loved her Chihuahua, Baby.

Donajene passed away on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Deborah Tjelmeland; brother, Charles (Evelyn) Kent; sister-in-law, Bernice Strother; brothers-in-law, Vern (Chris) Tjelmeland and Dwayne Tjelmeland; 2 step-grandchildren; 3 step-great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Donajene was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William M. Tjelmeland; son, Stephan Tjelmeland; father and mother-in-law, William Tjelmeland and Bertha (Aneinson) Tjelmeland; and brothers-in-law, Virgil, Talmer and Marion Tjelmeland.

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<b>SEP</b> <b>29</b>	<b>Service</b> <hr/> Roland Cemetery Co Rd E18, Roland, IA, US, 50236
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# Comments

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“ I remember the first time I met Donna. I was 16 and I had just moved in next door. I admired her yard she had such pretty flowers. I decided to try and brighten my yard up since hers always looked so nice. I was sitting on a bucket 6 mths pregnant with my 1st daughter and I heard Donna say you want some help and there became what would be a long friendship that lasted over the years. I was so sad when we moved to diff neighborhood she was the best neighbor she loved our daughter Katelyn like she was her own granddaughter she would always come knocking at our door with recess peanut butter cups for her. Gonna miss you Donnajene thank you for all the long talks over the years and for being an amazing friend. Prayers to the family.  
Jennifer

**Jennifer Paige** - September 30, 2015 at 09:47 PM

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“ Donajene was such a nice lady and a wonderful neighbor. Her son, Steve, and her took great pride in keeping her home and yard beautiful. She loved her flowers and oh boy, did she love her dogs! We were sad when she lost Steve so early in his life. We are also very sad that she is gone. Sincere condolences to her family. May she Rest in Peace.

Pam Burlin and Family

**Pam Burlin** - September 24, 2015 at 09:38 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss! Praying for your family I'm gonna miss Donnajene and her beautiful smile she was such a nice person!  
Jenny Brown

**Jeremy brown** - September 23, 2015 at 09:30 PM