



Janet E. Schoonover

August 17, 1936 - December 8, 2018

Janet Elaine Schoonover, 82, of Mason City, passed away Saturday, December 8, 2018. She was born August 17, 1936 to Robert and Ethel (Skaggs) Schoonover.

Janet is survived by her siblings Martha (Don) Scaff of Quincy and Patricia Jones of Mesa, AZ. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Ann Bowles.

She was a member of United Methodist Church and the lead hammer dulcimer player with the Prairie-Aires Dulcimer Group. She taught for many years in Forest City and Manito, and 20 years in the Pear City, IL schools. Janet was also an accomplished songwriter and musician; she was instrumental in recording four traditional music CD's with the Prairie-Aires Dulcimer Group.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 10am at the United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to her church United Methodist Church in Mason City. Condolences can be left and memories shared at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral home in Mason City, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

Comments



“ I remember riding the school bus with Janet and Martha. Both were always so sweet to me. A good neighbor, a good person. My thoughts are prayers are with you. Karla Bartels

Karla Bartels - December 12, 2018 at 02:00 PM



“ What a delightful woman, Janet was- time spent sharing music, exchanging ideas during Bible study or sharing in worship- it was always special. She challenged me to be my best version, think outside the box and showed me the joy and sadness's of this world. Fly high, dear one- you are free!

Carol Himmel - December 12, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ My sympathy to Janet's family on the loss of one of their own. In the year 2000, I met Janet through music. We were part of the Prairie Aires music group. She was a kind person with a good sense of humor and a great deal of musical talent. I will always remember her with love. Today in her memory, I wore one of her gifts, a cardinal bird pin, Below are words to one of the songs that she wrote:

MY ILLINOIS

By Janet Schoonover (AJES)

Chorus: Illinois, my Illinois, I want no other home.
You're the place I want to stay to call my very own.

Verse 1: I've walked your ditches, walked your fields.
I've climbed your sandy hills,
even walked on your dusty road
and where e'er your strong wind wills.

Verse 2: I've seen your cities, seen your towns,
lived in your village small,
Illinois, you're the only place
where I want to live at all.

Verse 3: There's green grass growing,
green leaves blowing in your open fields.
Winters hard with your prairie wind
but we need what summer yields.

Miriam Greene
Portland, Oregon

Miriam Greene - December 12, 2018 at 12:44 AM



“ I have known Janet for over 30 years. she was a great friend and wonderful musician, and, being a teacher, she taught us a lot. She composed the words and music to many beautiful songs through out the years, and she played a mean hammered dulcimer! When you go to New Salem, listen for her playing because she loved to set on Hill's porch and entertain the visitor's. Keep on playing, sister, & we will be listening for those beautiful melodies.

lynette belcher - December 10, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ I had Miss Schoonover for my second grade and sixth grade teacher at Forman I always enjoyed when she would play music and talk about her mother enjoyed both grades being in her class

Danny Gordon - December 10, 2018 at 06:56 PM