



## Madeline Onken

February 14, 1943 - September 1, 2024

Madeline “Madge” Onken, age 81, of Lidderdale, died Sunday, September 1, 2024.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 14, 2024 at St. Lawrence Church-St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The celebrant will be Fr. Patrick Behm. Music will be by Kathy Halbur. Lectors will be Mark Onken, Gina Tigges, and Solomon Brownlee. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. The Calhoun County Nurses Honor Guard will honor Madge at 7 p.m. with a ceremony which will then be followed by a rosary. There will be no visitation prior to the funeral mass Saturday at the church.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Madge’s family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Madeline (Madge) Gail Kroll Onken was born on February 14, 1943. She grew up in Manilla, Iowa. After graduating high school in 1961, she attended Nursing School in Carroll, Iowa where she then met Wally. They were engaged and married two years after Wally returned from serving in the

Vietnam War.

Madge was a caring and compassionate nurse as well as a loving mother to her two sons, Jeff and Mark Onken. She was a kind and generous mother-in-law and grandmother to Mark's wife Keary and their daughter Lorelai, as well as a devoted aunt to her nieces, nephews, and their families, as well as her brothers and sisters.

Madge loved playing cards with her family and friends, as well as taking golf cart rides around Lidderdale. She took great pride in her flower gardens and keeping the yard spotless. The last few years Madeline resided at Addington Place in Carroll and Hansen House in Council Bluffs. She will be remembered and missed by many.

Madeline is survived by her sons Jeffrey (Janine Plumb) Onken and Mark (Keary) Onken; a granddaughter Lorelai, as well as extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Phyllis Kroll, her husband of 55 years, Walter (Wally) Onken and her mother and father-in-law, Mary and Walter Onken.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM.

St. Lawrence Church-St. John Paul II Parish

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. Madge was a very sweet lady. I knew Madge when I was at Addington Place.*

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**Cynthia Dreeszen** - September 16, 2024 at 12:40 AM

DF

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I had the privilege to work with Madge in Lake City. She was such a kind, caring and fun person. I'm sure she will be missed by many. You have my sympathies.*

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**Deb Francis** - September 14, 2024 at 01:49 AM

AS

“ *Madeline was the older cousin who acted like a big sister when she would babysit with me, John, and Marilyn! We looked forward to having her come and stay! That is my first and lasting memory of Madeline! But throughout the years when we were at family events she was always smiling . . . and extremely funny! Her intelligence easily came through from her comments, jokes, . . . and appropriate insults!!*

*One fun memory from a later time was attending the wedding reception of Wally and Madeline at her parent's place. Everyone was having a good time and it turns out her brother Mike and i were seniors in high school. And both of us were allowed to have a drink with the family. And it wasn't milk or Kool-Aid! So Madeline and Wally" wedding reception was not only a right of passage for them, it was for Mike and me also! Great memory!*

*Madeline made her mark in this life and touched many people. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. I think that is the highest compliment and testimony of her life. Jane and I send our deepest sympathies to you, Jeff, Mark and your families. God Bless you all.*

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**Allen Sievertsen** - September 13, 2024 at 09:41 PM

LK

“ *I have nothing but good memories of Aunt Madge, she was full of laughter and love. I'm so sorry your mother has passed Jeff and Mark.*

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**LaDonna Kennedy** - September 11, 2024 at 10:47 AM

JD

“ *Madge, you were the best Grandma to Lorelai. You had a smile for everyone and loved playing games with us all. We were honored to have known you.*

*Be at peace,  
Jeannine & Diana*

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**Jeannine & Diana** - September 10, 2024 at 10:23 AM

KB

“ *I worked with Madge at Lake City hospital she was so nice and fun to work with ! RIP!*



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**Kim Bauman** - September 10, 2024 at 01:23 AM

SG

“ *Sending sympathy and prayers to the family. I knew her through my sister, who graduated with her.*

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**Sandi Backhaus Gruhn** - September 09, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Madeline Onken.*



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September 09, 2024 at 07:07 PM