



## Catherine "Cathy" Jo Lessor

March 30, 1949 - March 23, 2017

Catherine "Cathy" Jo Lessor, 67, of Mason City, IA died Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa.

A gathering for family and friends to share memories and stories will be held 1 to 4 pm, Sunday, April 2, 2017 at the VFW post 733, 1603 Monroe Ave, S. Mason City. Per her wishes she was cremated and will later reside in several of her and Jerry's cherished memory places. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Catherine Jo Lessor memorial fund. Messages and sharing may be done on the [www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com) website under her name or on the Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes page.

Catherine was born on March 30, 1949 in New Hampton, Iowa the daughter of Jake and Gladys Beckman. After her completion of School, She began her career as a Nurses Aid at Mercy Hospital in Mason City. She then moved to Colorado for two years where she worked as a secretary for Boulder Mercy hospital. She returned back to Mason City and started working for Mercy lab and later transferred to Pathology Associates as a secretary for 18 years, retiring in 2013 due to her health.

Cathy truly wished she could have opened a catering business, and became famous for her swiss steak, fried chicken and sloppy-jo's. She enjoyed watching cooking shows to fine tune her culinary skills. She also enjoyed

spending time with her grandchildren. She loved Karaoke and sang her most favorite country songs. Each year she and her husband Jerry would travel to Alabama to Dolphin Island in January or February to celebrate Mardi Gras with Jerry's sister. She married David Oelberg in 1964 with that marriage lasting 18 years. During that time, she gave birth to 4 children. She then united in marriage to her husband Jerry D. Lessor on November 6, 1993. She then was also blessed with his 3 children.

Catherine is survived by her husband Jerry of 23 years, surviving children, daughter Dorie and her husband Richard Paulsen, Rockford, IA; sons Daniel and his wife Kate Oelberg, Shakopee, MN; and Darren Oelberg, Mason City Jeffery and his wife Nicole Lessor, Jennifer and her husband Manuel Martinez and Jeremy Lessor all of Mason City, 10 grandchildren, John, Michael, Andrei, Alena, Levi, Caleb, Tyler, Jaxon, Blake and Leah, five Great Grandchildren, her sister Sharon Faught, Mason City, Richard (Pamela) Beckman, Mason City, and Steve Beckman of New Hampton, along with several nieces and nephews.

Her parents, daughter Sheri Oelberg, and brother David Beckman, preceded Cathy in death.

Online condolences may be left at [www.fullertonfh.com](http://www.fullertonfh.com).

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# Cemetery Details

## Cremation Services of North Iowa

123 2nd ST. SE  
Mason City, IA 50401  
mail@fullertonfh.com

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

**APR 2.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

VFW Post 733  
1603 Monroe Ave, S.  
Mason City, IA 50401

# Tribute Wall



“ Catherine "Cathy" Jo Lessor

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Jerry and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. Her caring and kindness will be missed by so many. I have many good memories from karaoke at the VFW. She loved to sing! She will be in my heart forever and always! RIP Cathy  
Mz Katie's Karaoke

Kathy (Katie) Hage - April 01, 2017 at 03:36 AM



“ Jerry and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing.  
Know that she is now pain free and at peace.  
May you find peace as well.  
Steve and Amy Wendt



Steve and Amy Wendt - March 28, 2017 at 08:16 PM



“ I came upon this obituary, and I let my mother, Phyllis Yearling Schoonover know. I recognized Gladys and Make Beckman's name. Gladys was my mothers' Aunt.

Lisa Herold - March 27, 2017 at 08:17 PM



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Lisa Herold - March 27, 2017 at 08:18 PM



*Jake*

**Lisa Herold** - March 27, 2017 at 08:18 PM

PA

*My deepest sympathy to all of Cathy's family and especially to Sharon. They were first cousins of mine and grew up just up the street in New Hampton. I remember spending alot of good times with her parents and mine. May God bless you all in your loss.*

*Pat (Yearling) Ackley, Fredericksburg*

**Patricia K. Ackley** - March 28, 2017 at 10:52 AM

NW

*My sympathy to all of Cathy's family. I remember her too even though it's been many years. Thoughts and prayers especially to Sharon. May God bless.*

*Nancy (Yearling) Wegner*

**Nancy Wegner** - March 28, 2017 at 01:54 PM

YV

*“ I have no words that can come close to expressing my sorrow at Cathy Jo's passing. You always think there will time to visit or call to catch up. She took me and my family into her heart and made us her family. We all loved her dearly. I have such good memories of all we shared together. My kids will always and forever think of her as their Gramma. I had to tell my son of her passing and he said that he had just been thinking of her that day. It's like she came by to tell her Jake good-bye. A personality as big as hers does not pass quietly he said. So very true. She was an incredible person and our lives were made better by her being in it. Thank you , Mama Cathy Jo. May you rest in peace and know you are loved.*

**Yvonne** - March 27, 2017 at 02:27 PM

LA

“ I was so shocked and saddened to read that Cathy had passed away! My heart goes out to the whole family and I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers! I thought the world of Cathy! She was such a sweet and kind person! My heart aches for all of you! With sincere sympathy, Linda Angell



Linda Angell - March 24, 2017 at 09:05 PM

CM

“ Cheryl Miller lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Cathy" Jo Lessor



Cheryl Miller - March 24, 2017 at 04:45 PM

JB

“ I worked with Cathy at the hospital, she was such a fun loving happy person to work with. I was shocked when I heard. My condolences go out to her family. May she rest in peace and now she earned her wing's and is your angel 🙏❤️

Jan Buchanan - March 24, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JB

“ Jan Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Cathy" Jo Lessor



Jan Buchanan - March 24, 2017 at 10:45 AM