



Charlotte (Sally) Joan Klaver

November 7, 1935 - April 30, 2026

Charlotte (Sally) Joan Klaver, 90, of Story City, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her children. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Fullerton-Hage Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 S. Main Street, Charles City, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Russ Leeper and Pastor Steve Frykholm will officiate. Following the service, Charlotte will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Charles City. A separate celebration of life will be held at a later date at Harvest E-Free Church in Story City. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Suncrest Hospice, 5959 Village View Drive, Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50266, in loving memory of Charlotte.

Charlotte was born on November 7, 1935, in Independence, Iowa, to Howard and Christine (Anderson) Borland. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in 1965. In 1967, she moved to Charles City, where she faithfully dedicated 29 years to teaching second grade at Lincoln Elementary School, shaping the lives of countless students with patience and care.

Charlotte was a devoted woman of faith. She was an active member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and was involved with Gideons

International. After moving to Story City in 1997, she became a member of Harvest E-Free Church, where she continued to grow in her faith and community.

She found joy in life's simple and creative pleasures, including cross-stitching, ceramics, and scrapbooking. Charlotte loved playing the piano and accompanied many of her own children, grandchildren, and others in their recitals as well as playing the organ for many years at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Charlotte was very committed to her family, whether they were blood relatives or extended family and treated all of them with the same love and devotion. Watching her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and even great-great grandchildren grow and participate in activities were a highlight to her. Holidays and gatherings were often spent with food and fun playing games or putting together jigsaw puzzles. She had a deep interest in genealogy and took great pride in researching and preserving her family's history, even traveling to see where her relatives came from in Sweden.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Sharyl (Jeffrey) Dilling, Julia (Daniel) Randall, and Thomas (Anne) Allenstein; bonus children: Marvin (Linda) Hoy, Alan (Sandy) Hoy, Sandy (Duane) Kellogg, Julie (Bernard) Steiert, Joy Smiley, Karen (Jeff) Hall, and Karleen (Brad) Carlson; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Diane (Larry) Crow; and numerous extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Marvin Hoy and Kermit Klaver; her infant son, Mark; and her bonus sons, Terry Hoy and Errol Hoy.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery in Charles City

Charles City, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St John Evangelical Lutheran
200 S Main St
Charles City, IA 50616-2715
(641) 228-3397

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“Charlotte was such a sweetheart. She was so giving and encouraging. I think I first met her through scrapbooking, which of course, generated lots of memories and laughter. She was quite generous to host our Apples of Gold Bible study in her home, when MANY ladies actually used her kitchen for several weekly meetings as we learned how to cook! I knew I would be blessed whenever I saw that Charlotte was part of any Bible study we shared. Her faith was unwavering, no matter her circumstances. Her beautiful smile was warmly welcoming as she greeted me whenever we met. Her quiet calm and acceptance of God's will was evidence of her trust in our Savior and was an obvious testimony of her love for Jesus and for others. I will miss Charlotte dearly.

Sue Yeakel - May 20 at 10:42 AM

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“Our lives and those of our children were truly blessed by our friendship with Charlotte through St. John Lutheran. Pastor Dennis and Diane Niezwaag

Diane Niezwaag - May 16 at 01:51 PM

MT

“Charlotte (Mrs. Allenstein) was my first grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary. I adored her, and became a first grade teacher myself. I was able to reconnect with her as I grew up and was involved in the music of St. John Lutheran. What a sweet lady who got me off to a great start in school.

Melody Thompson

Melody Thompson - May 13 at 07:25 PM

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“ *Childrens Nebraska - Exec Nurse Leaders purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charlotte (Sally) Joan Klaver.*



Childrens Nebraska - Exec Nurse Leaders - May 06 at 01:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charlotte (Sally) Joan Klaver.

May 05 at 10:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charlotte (Sally) Joan Klaver.



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“ I was blessed with a close friendship with Charlotte for almost six years. I believe that when you want to define what love and grace looks like; the dictionary should say, See Charlotte. Charlotte loved and was loved by many. I was able to witness love and receive love from her children, stepchildren, sister and all their families. It is said that you can see the fruits of one’s faith. Charlotte’s harvest of fruit was enormous. Charlotte’s desire was to share the love of God by being a disciple of Christ. Charlotte’s Christian faith was exhibited by her love of others, service to the church and her devotion to the Gideons. I praise God for the opportunity I was given to call Charlotte my friend. With great love and respect, Dean Kohlmeyer

Dean Kohlmeyer - May 02 at 09:33 PM