



## Aura Lee Sibenaller

January 13, 1963 - October 6, 2019

Aura Lee (Burkett) Sibenaller, age 56, of Carroll, Iowa passed away on Sunday October 6, 2019 after a brief illness.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Chaplin Angelo Luis of St. Anthony Regional Hospital will officiate the service. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Visitation will be held from Noon until the time of the service.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Anthony Foundation of Carroll or The CJD Foundation.

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

Aura Lee was born on January 13, 1963 in Sioux City, Iowa and welcomed home by her loving parents, Kenneth and Sheila Burkett and three older siblings.

Aura Lee spent her younger years in Le Mars, Iowa until her father's business

brought her family to Carroll in 1974. She graduated from Kuemper High School, class of 1981. Aura Lee married Dean Sibenaller on May 7, 1983 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. To this union they were blessed with five children, Joe, Erin, Krystle, Taylor, and Jordan.

Aura Lee had a heart of gold and enjoyed caring for animals, rooting for “the underdog,” gardening, and scrapbooking. She was a dedicated and compassionate advocate to the elderly as an Activity Director at St. Anthony Nursing Home. One of her significant contributions that has become a beautiful tradition is that of “The Bucket List” for her residents.

Most of all, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. They were the light of her life and she was theirs. She spent most of her weekends traveling to visit them and hoped to retire closer to them in the near future. Her family will remember her as an amazing mom, grandma, and friend- always thinking of others before herself.

Aura Lee is survived by her husband, Dean Sibenaller, children Joe Sibenaller, Erin (Darin) Hynick, Krystle (Allen) Hergert, Taylor (Jordan) Miller, and Jordan Sibenaller, grandchildren, Jessie and Ellie Hynick, Chase and Logan Miller, Wyatt Hergert and Baby Hergert on the way, sister Bryce (Dennish) Custodio, brothers Jake (Cheryl) Burkett and Clay Burkett, sisters-in-law Joyce (Doug) Clark, Nancy (Mike) Schultes, Lisa Fuller and brother-in-law Richard Sibenaller as well as many nieces and nephews and close friends and work family at St. Anthony Nursing Home.

She is preceded in death by her parents Kenneth and Sheila Burkett, parents-in-law Dominic and Jacqueline Sibenaller, brothers-in-law Ronald Sibenaller and Gary Fuller, and sister-in-law Joyce Sibenaller.

The family would like to thank Ed Smith, Dr. Collison and the staff at St. Anthony Hospital for the wonderful, compassionate care they gave Aura Lee

and family during her illness. They went above and beyond, and it won't be forgotten.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Aura Lee was a true angel on earth. Bless her heart, may she Rest In Peace. Connie Blum* ”



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**Connie Blum** - October 24, 2019 at 06:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aura Lee Sibenaller.* ”



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October 19, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ *Laurie Bruning lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller* ”



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**Laurie Bruning** - October 17, 2019 at 02:38 PM

KD

“ *Katie, Cody, Liam, Kash and Deb purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Aura Lee Sibenaller.* ”



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**Katie, Cody, Liam, Kash and Deb** - October 16, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Aura Lee Sibenaller.*



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October 11, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Cindy Demers lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**Cindy Demers** - October 11, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *The Demers Family lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**The Demers Family** - October 11, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *Judy Broich lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**Judy Broich** - October 11, 2019 at 10:03 AM

MB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Dean and the family. She always had a smile and a friendly chuckle in dealing with life. She loved animals and was devoted to them and her family and friends. She is gone far too soon. Mike and Monica Blackley



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**Monica Blackley** - October 10, 2019 at 12:30 PM

VH

“ Valerie Hammond lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller



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**Valerie Hammond** - October 09, 2019 at 05:46 PM

VH

*Love you Aura Lee*

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**Valerie Hammond** - October 09, 2019 at 05:48 PM

CS

“ I got to know Aura Lee when my Mother was a resident at St. Anthony's. What a kind special person. Always trying to make life happier for the people there. Rest In Peace sweet lady, I am sure you are making Heaven even more happy.

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**Cindy Sporrer** - October 09, 2019 at 12:59 PM

TB

“ I remember Aura Lee as being family oriented--not just to her immediate family but to extended family. I am so grateful to have spent time with her at our family reunion in July, and thank her one last time for all she did to make it the best reunion yet (with help from here sisters, etc). Deepfelt sympathy to her family and friends. I know she is missed.

Tamara Burkett - October 09, 2019 at 05:01 AM



“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Aura Lee Sibenaller.



October 09, 2019 at 02:03 AM

LL

“ I will miss your laughs and smiles no matter how busy you were you always took time for everybody 💕💕



LaDonna Lebeck - October 08, 2019 at 06:56 PM

CB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. She will be greatly missed.



Cindy Bolster - October 08, 2019 at 02:54 PM

BM

“ *Bob & Theresa Myers lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**Bob & Theresa Myers** - October 08, 2019 at 02:42 PM

OL

“ *Aura Lee was most kind and considerate to me and my wife Grace during her stay at St. Anthony Nursing home. May her soul Rest In Peace. Omer J. Langenfeld*

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**Omer J. Langenfeld** - October 08, 2019 at 10:32 AM

CT

“ *Cal & Betty Tigges*



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**Cal Tigges** - October 08, 2019 at 10:15 AM

TR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Aura Lee was such a kind and caring person. She is going to be greatly missed! Heaven gained a special angel!*

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**Terry Romey** - October 08, 2019 at 08:37 AM

HS

“ Henry Stork purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum* for the family of Aura Lee Sibenaller.



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**Henry Stork** - October 08, 2019 at 01:54 AM

KW

“ Kristofer Wieland lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller



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**Kristofer Wieland** - October 08, 2019 at 12:58 AM

KW

“ Karen Wieland lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller



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**Karen Wieland** - October 08, 2019 at 12:36 AM

JH

“ Jamie Hermansen lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller



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**Jamie Hermansen** - October 08, 2019 at 12:17 AM

MH

“ *Aura Lee has been an inspiration to so many. She has touched so many lives with her bright smile and loving heart. She will truly be missed. Love and prayers, Marlene and Loras Hoffmann*

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**Marlene Hoffmann** - October 07, 2019 at 09:40 PM

JK

“ *Judy And Jeff Kruger lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**Judy And Jeff Kruger** - October 07, 2019 at 09:02 PM

JG

“ *My deepest sympathy to family and St Anthony NH family. She was certainly loved by so many and will be missed dearly. Loving thoughts and Prayers!*

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**julie Gerdes** - October 07, 2019 at 05:51 PM

DR

“ *Sincere sympathy on the loss of AuraLee. Although I didn't know her well, it was so obvious that she cared deeply about the residents at the St. Anthony's Nursing Home. I so appreciate the wonderful care she had given to my dad and countless others! My prayers for her and her family will continue!*

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**Doris Riesselman** - October 07, 2019 at 05:09 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Schuette lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**Michelle Schuette** - October 07, 2019 at 04:45 PM

DB

“ *David And Deb Beyerink lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**David and Deb Beyerink** - October 07, 2019 at 03:40 PM

JB

“ *Jane & Wayne Bruening lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**Jane & Wayne Bruening** - October 07, 2019 at 03:23 PM

WO

“ *Always a gentle soul with my mother at St. Anthony's Nursing Home. We all feel like we are losing one of our own. Such sadness.*

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**Wanda O'Neill** - October 07, 2019 at 03:14 PM

KW

“ Kevin Warner lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller



Kevin Warner - October 07, 2019 at 12:42 PM

SP

“ Sharon / Martin Pearson lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller



Sharon / Martin Pearson - October 07, 2019 at 12:07 PM

SP

“ Aura Lee was one of those speical people in ones life, a good friend, one keeps in touch with through the years! We worked together many years at St. Anthony Hospital, in their Nursing Home, before my retirement! We continued that friendship through past years since then, getting together to visit now and then to share updates about family, friends, pets, and our life in general! Aura Lee's, laughter, smile, and friendship will be greatly missed, but she will never be forgotten!

*In loving friendship, Sharon & Marty PEARSON, Sac City*

*(Picture attached L-R: Deon Rowedder, Aura Lee Sibenaller, Sharon Zimmerman Pearson, and Luanne Kustra - year 2011)*



Sharon / Martin Pearson - October 07, 2019 at 12:02 PM

SP

*Must comment to add the following: Aura Lee's family, are the best, and she loved them all so very much! Their support she received in her brief illness was awesome, to say the least, by each of them! She loved them deeply!*

*Aura Lee was a wonderful person to have as Activity Director at S.A. back in days of good health when I worked there,too!! She never failed to go "the extra mile" for the residents and their families! She gave of herself, from her heart! She enjoyed her work and it showed to all around her! I loved working along with Aura Lee, and she was always willing to help anywhere she could! Our deepest sympathy to each and everyon of her family!*

*Aura Lee, told my husband, Marty and I she was "ready to go"! She was calm, loving, and giving of herself,, even during this unexpected illness she was dealing with!!*

*Aura Lee, deeply loved all her family, absolutely! We had 2 last conversations together, during her last 2 weeks, able to visit at hospital, and her loving words and mood were such, that I will never forget! She loved! Yes, she loved! She shared with us, and showed she understood her situation best she could! Our loving sympathy to all her family! Marty & Sharon Pearson*

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**Sharon Pearson** - October 07, 2019 at 09:56 PM

DH

*Thank you, Sharon. You summed up Aura Lee so well in your comment. My deepest to Aura Lee's family, co-workers, and friends. She was an Angel!*

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**Denise Higgins** - October 09, 2019 at 07:46 PM



*Thank you for all the time spent with my mother JoAnn Wallace. You will be missed*

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**Laurie Bruning** - October 17, 2019 at 02:36 PM

JK

*“ She was the best Activity Director at St. Anthony Nursing Home, so kind and helpful, so good to my mom and all the residents , Prayers for the family . She will be missed by many*

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**Joan kerwood** - October 07, 2019 at 12:00 PM

JF

“ *Aura Lee was a kind, sincere and compassionate wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She had a giving spirit and a servant's heart. There will never been another Aura Lee. All her wonderful attributes will live on through her children and grandchildren. She will be with us always.*

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**Jake & Cheryl Burkett Family** - October 07, 2019 at 11:09 AM

CM

“ *Cione Maack lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**Cione Maack** - October 07, 2019 at 10:31 AM

LP

“ *Lois Potthoff lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**Lois Potthoff** - October 07, 2019 at 09:51 AM

MW

“ *Mary K Wernimont lit a candle in memory of Aura Lee Sibenaller*



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**Mary K Wernimont** - October 07, 2019 at 09:12 AM

KP

“ KRISTI PUDENZ lit a candle in memory of  
Aura Lee Sibenaller



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**KRISTI PUDENZ** - October 07, 2019 at 08:49 AM

TS

“ Tracy Sturm lit a candle in memory of Aura  
Lee Sibenaller



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**Tracy Sturm** - October 06, 2019 at 08:49 PM

JO

*Aura Lee was my friend here at St.Anthony nursing home.She got me started on Carroll history & Iowa history 2 years ago She will not be forgotten.John W.ingalls*

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**john** - October 08, 2019 at 10:53 AM