



Angela Gail Matthews

June 12, 1953 - October 6, 2021

Angela Gail Matthews was born in Spencer, Iowa to Clifford Matthews and Arlene (Lyons) Matthews on June 12, 1953. She was welcomed home by older sister, Judy.

She spent her younger years in Linn Grove, Iowa. She attended Sioux Valley School and was very active as a cheerleader, six on six basketball player, softball player and a majorette.

Angela was united in marriage with Dale Reese at the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Linn Grove, Iowa on August 7th, 1971. From this union they were blessed with two children, Derek born on November 12, 1972 and Erin born on June 24, 1975.

She was involved in various activities throughout her entire life, including Jayceettes. She was involved with the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Linn Grove, Iowa and also the United Methodist Church in Peterson, Iowa. Angela was a school cook at Sioux Valley School in Peterson, Iowa from 1980-1985 and was an avid gardener and a Master Gardener. She also enjoyed spending time volunteering at the Des Moines Botanical Gardens.

Angela and her family moved to Des Moines in 1985. Shortly thereafter, she began her banking career for several Des Moines area banks, working her

way from teller to Senior Vice President. She retired from First Bank in 2013 as Senior Vice President in West Des Moines.

Angela was united in marriage with Thomas Donald Worrell in March 1996. Don and Angela enjoyed traveling, spending time with family and friends, and enjoying time with the first two grandchildren.

Angela was united in marriage with James Todd on October 29, 2005. Angela and Jim spent nearly 20 wonderful years together. The next two grandchildren joined the family during this time. Many barbecues were pool side at their home with family and friends. Their biggest priority was always the grandkids, having fun and spoiling them.

Angela moved to Peoria, Arizona February 2021. She passed away at home on October 6, 2021.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Left to Cherish her memory are her children, Derek (Pam) Reese of Des Moines, Iowa, Erin (Kevin) Mueller of Johnston, Iowa; husband, James Todd of Peoria, Arizona; grandchildren, Emma Reese, Dean Reese, Jaden Mueller, Jackson Mueller; sister, Judy Petersen of Omaha, NE; one niece and two nephews; mother-in-Law, Jean Todd; sisters-in-law, Patty (Chris) Bartholf and Jay Todd.

Along with many other relatives, friends, and of course her beloved dog, Hank and two cats, Bill and Opal.

A service and celebration of life will be held for Angela on October 30, 2021, 2 pm - 5pm, at the Johnston Lions Club, 6501 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston, IA 50131. The service will begin at 2 pm with a celebration of Angela's life following. Please join us for any part of the celebration.

Flower's may be delivered to the Johnston Lion club after 1 PM on Saturday the 30th.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Johnston Lions Club
6501 Merle Hay Road
Johnston, IA 50131

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Angela Gail Matthews.



October 27, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Angela Gail Matthews.



October 27, 2021 at 05:37 PM



“ *So honored to have called Angela my boss, co-worker and friend. She was fun, caring and fair. As a boss, if she thought you deserved something she would fight for you. If she felt you were not ready, she would coach you on how to get to your goal. I will forever be grateful to you Angela for your guidance but most of all your friendship. There are those that come into our lives that we never forget.*

Kristi Tripp - October 27, 2021 at 02:31 PM

MG

“ *Marlene Griffin sent a virtual gift in memory of Angela Gail Matthews*



Marlene Griffin - October 25, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Angela Gail Matthews.*



October 18, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Angela Gail Matthews.*



October 14, 2021 at 06:42 PM

JH

“ *Jon and Tina Hade purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Angela Gail Matthews.*



Jon and Tina Hade - October 14, 2021 at 01:36 PM

LK

“ Jim and family, So very sad to hear of Angela's passing. Angela and I worked together at IBMC. I loved her sense of humor, we laughed so much together. Not only was Angela a Master Gardener, she was a lovely perfectionist in everything. Angela had the intelligence to do everything well. She was an excellent hostess. Angela will always be a cherished friend and will be missed. Love and hugs to you all.

Linda Kreger

Linda Kreger - October 14, 2021 at 01:18 PM

JC

“ Spent several years working with Angela at First Bank. She was a great lady and I am so glad I got to know her. We shared a very special day, June 12th. You will be missed Angela but never forgotten! ❤️❤️❤️

Janice Cross - October 13, 2021 at 11:28 PM

JE

“ Angela was a great gal. Always enjoyed being one of her classmates. She was always up for a good time and was always fun to be around. RIP Ange I know you've cheered heaven up. They too, will enjoy your company.

Jim Ebert - October 13, 2021 at 11:20 PM

SE

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19 minutes ago

Ang and I have been friends since 1969. Our high school years together were so much fun. We were cheerleaders together, played softball together and spent a lot of fun times together. We managed to get in some trouble together too. We both married young and lived down the street from each other. Our boys were born 3 weeks apart so we experienced motherhood together. The boys have always been friends just like their moms. I have so many wonderful memories of Ang that I will always cherish. She was always someone that I could confide in and count on when I needed a friend. We lost touch for awhile but reunited a couple of years ago when we thought she beat the dreaded cancer. But it came back with vengeance. She fought so hard and really gave everything she had because that was Ang. I never knew her not to fight for anything that she wanted and believed in. Her spirit will always be with so many of us that call her a friend. My condolences to Derek, Erin, Jim, Judy and your families. May you always keep her alive in your hearts. Rest In Peace my dear old friend until we meet again ❤️
Sue Ehlers

Sue Ehlers - October 12, 2021 at 11:33 PM

SE

“ *Sue Ehlers lit a candle in memory of Angela Gail Matthews*



Sue Ehlers - October 12, 2021 at 11:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Angela Gail Matthews.*



October 12, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Judy, Jim and family, I am sorry to hear of Angela's passing. My condolences to you all. I remember she and I were always in a competition in typing class to see who could type faster. We were rewarded with being allowed to use the electric typewriters. 🙏 Big step up from the manual ones...practicing piano in the morning before school helped nimble fingers! 🎹*

Julie Carlson Carlblom - October 12, 2021 at 09:09 PM



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sue Ehlers - October 12, 2021 at 11:12 PM

MT

“ *Marcia Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of
Angela Gail Matthews*



Marcia Taylor - October 12, 2021 at 08:59 PM