



Ione C. Van Den Elzen

February 21, 1935 - June 11, 2021

Ione C. Van Den Elzen, 86, of Beloit, WI, departed this life on Friday, June 11, 2021 in her home unexpectedly.

She was born on February 21, 1935 in Green Bay, WI, to her loving parents Robert and Dorothy (Breuckner) Van Den Elzen. The family moved to Chicago, IL where Ione was a 1952 graduate of Amundsen High School and in the National Honor Society Club. She was president of her student council her junior year and secretary during her senior year. Ione was active in many school activities and was on the bowling team in which she bowled a perfect game of 300. She attended the University of Illinois at Navy Pier in 1954 in which she was on the Dean's List. Ione attended Champaign-Urbana in 1955, winning a homecoming trophy. She later attended Beloit College, was on the Dean's List and received her Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education.

Ione came into the Armstrong family in the 1980's where she was welcomed as a family member and truly loved by them. She enjoyed the adventures and vacations they took together throughout the years. They went horseback riding every year until 2018 when the horse was just too tall to get on. Ione went to her 60th high school reunion where she lit up at seeing her classmates and also attended her 65th reunion as well. In 2018, Ione and Jeanette went to the Navy Pier for the Rolling Stones Exhibition Tour where she reminisced about her hometown. Her last big adventure was seeing the Rolling Stones at Soldier Field in June of 2019.

She had many different jobs throughout her life including a waitress, cashier, lifeguard, secretary, licensed field agent, and taught English at Aldrich Public School in Beloit. Ione enjoyed going out to eat, going to readings at the library, casinos, ceramics, knitting, and painting. She was an active member of Grinnell Senior Center and loved being a part of all the activities especially the theater group; she was quite the actress. Ione met many good friends there and made a lot of fond memories. She had an unforgettable smile and personality that was one of a kind. Ione was a great friend to have; she will be missed, cherished, and never forgotten.

Survivors include one son, one daughter, four grandchildren, and special friends and caregiver, Roger and Jeanette (Armstrong) Turnmire.

She was predeceased by her parents; sister, Mary Lou; and special friends, Dillard and

Virginia Armstrong.

A graveside service for Ione will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2021 at East Lawn Cemetery with a light meal to follow. A farewell celebration for Ione will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 outside Grinnell Hall, 631 Bluff St., Beloit, WI.

Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Rd., Beloit, WI, assisted the family with arrangements.

Cemetery

East Lawn Cemetery

Milwaukee Road

Beloit, WI, 53511

Events

JUN **Graveside Services** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ It is with very sincere gratitude and appreciation that I thank Jeanette Armstrong Turnmire and her family for taking in and loving my Aunt lone as a family member. The tributes that have been posted show what a wonderful woman she was and very loved by all. I have very fond memories of great adventures with her as I was growing up and am not surprised that she had so many loved ones and friends!

Laurie Meier - June 28, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ Margaret Alexander lit a candle in memory of lone C. Van Den Elzen



margaret alexander - June 28, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ I love you Aunt lone
Sue Lipscomb

Sue Lipscomb - June 26, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ I got to know lone when our kids were students at Wright Elementary School. My sympathy to her family.
Nadine Stoner

Nadine W. Stoner - June 19, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ I'll always remember lone's amazing smile & her stories of her & Aunt Virginia on their many journeys to NC, like Thelma & Louise!
I remember her fondly showing us her beautiful ceramics she made and playing with a their beautiful white Samoyed named Princess! A witty, beautiful, intelligent, & funny lady. I am so very sorry Jeanette & Roger. Our love and Prayers for you and your family. Kathy, Crystal & Heather

Kathy Cummings - June 16, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ I always enjoyed talking to lone at Grinnell Hall. She was such an energetic, engaging person to listen too. My thoughts & prayers our with the family at this sad time. Gretchen Ruzeck



Gretchen Ruzeck - June 16, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ Debbie Kraus lit a candle in memory of lone C. Van Den Elzen



debbie kraus - June 15, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ lone will be missed by many. She always had a smile for everyone and asked how all was doing as she did truly care

debbie kraus - June 15, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ I met lone at Grinnel Senior Center. What a lovely lady. I will miss Her beautiful smile and caring personality.

Margaret Alexander

margaret alexander - June 28, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ lone you will be missed RIP



Don & Carolyn Armstrong - June 15, 2021 at 06:38 AM



“ lone! THANKS for the wonderful memories with the Grinnell Theater group! Your legacy lives on in our hearts!



John Kalkirtz - June 14, 2021 at 02:48 PM