



Sonja L. Housenga

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Sonja L. Housenga, 81, of Clinton, passed away, Thursday, February 20, 2025 at the Alverno.

Funeral Services will be 6:00pm, Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory. Visitation will be from 4:00pm to the service time Tuesday. Private family burial will be in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery.

Sonja Lee Young was born on March 13, 1943 in Moline, Illinois, the daughter of Russell and Bernadine (Paup) Young. She was a 1961 graduate of DeWitt High School and attended the University of Wyoming. She married Robert Housenga on June 27, 2009; he recently passed away on July 18, 2024.

Sonja was director of community relations with the Clinton Community School District for 21 years retiring in 2008. She was also the associate editor with the Clinton Herald for 5 years.

Sonja enjoyed gardening, reading, taking pictures and spending time with her dogs. She was a very talented seamstress making all of her professional clothes and her children's school clothes. This passion turned into a business, crafting primitive dolls and decorations for all the holidays.

Sonja is survived by her daughter: Tanya (Eric) VanLancker of Clinton; her son: Wesley (Kristina) Golden of Clinton and four grandchildren: Caitlyn, Jackson, Prushia, and Leone. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Memorials can be made to the Clinton Humane Society.

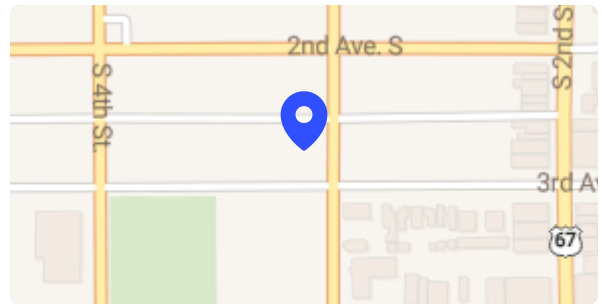


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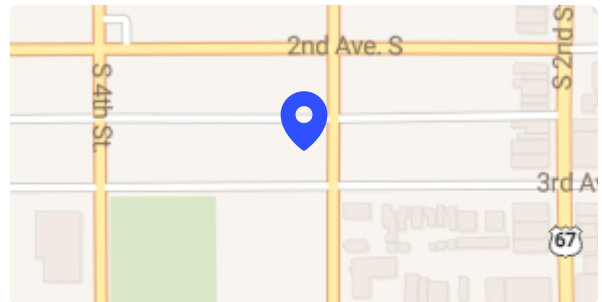
Visitation

- Tuesday**, February 25, 2025
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT
- Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton**
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732



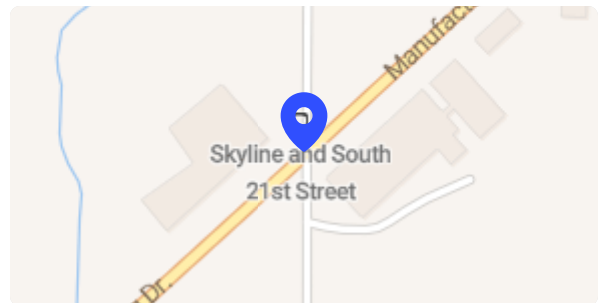
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Cemetery Details

- Clinton Lawn Cemetery**
2100 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton IA 52732





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RM

Randa McAlpine posted:

Tonya and Wes, I am so sorry I missed your Mom's visitation. I have some great memories of our times at Roosevelt Admin. The "crafting" we did at lunch time, the OBE conferences, the planning and execution of those were exhausting, but fun too. I know she will be missed by all. Sincerely, Randa McAlpine

February 27 at 7:40 AM

SB

Stacy Ray-Bell posted:

I loved bantering with Sonya while getting to know her through her patronage of the veterinary clinic. Sure will miss seeing her and hearing from her

February 25 at 4:04 PM

JH

Jude Holesinger lit a candle in honor of Sonja.

We enjoyed having Robert and Sonja join us for lunch and hymn singing on Senior Moments Mondays at CrossView Church. Always a delightful conversation. Sorry to hear of her passing. With deepest sympathy to family and friends

February 24 at 5:20 AM



JR

Judy Ryan posted:

Sonja and I lived across the street from one another in DeWitt when I was a preschooler and she was in kindergarten. We played together most days and were close friends at that time. I loved her long braids and some days watched her mother work the magic of French braids! Sonja was two years ahead of me in school and my family moved across town so we drifted apart but we reconnected a few years ago on FB. When Bob died perhaps she, too, was sick but her posts on FB became less and less. I am sorry to learn of her death but memories by her friends indicate she continued to pursue her many interests. Judy Brown Ryan

February 22 at 3:02 PM

DT

Diane Taplin sent a virtual gift in honor of Sonja.

tSonja and I had so much fun at church and the bus trips to Riverside Casino. I still have the stuffed frog that she found at the church rummage sale. She also liked my frog hat and mittens.

February 22 at 2:05 PM





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KN

Karen Nelson posted:

Sonja played such a crucial role in keeping the Clinton community school district communication flowing . Even though the district at that point in time had seven elementary schools two middle schools in the high school plus the alternative high school. She would bring the communication together with her monthly district newsletter.I've kept them to this day so I can remember key teacher friends birthdays. and her meticulous work made it possible.I always wished I could figure out how long time CHS industrial arts teacher and house builder- Dave Johnson got Sonja to list his birthday as a late August date in this publication. I always try to celebrate his birthday along with Barb Brondyke at the end of August and he always laughed.

February 22 at 12:34 PM

RG

Richard Grugin posted:

Sonja was a good friend and a great supporter of Lyons Middle School. I often enjoyed candid conversations with her about school events and life. Sonja's wit and writing skills were the best. My deepest sympathy to Wes, Tanya, and her entire family.

February 22 at 5:14 AM

BB

Bob Bopes posted:

My condolences Wes to you and your family.

February 21 at 8:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sonja by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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