



## Janet Ales

February 3, 1939 - January 16, 2019

Janet Beth Ales, 79, of Davenport, Iowa passed away on January 16, 2019 at the Genesis Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, Iowa. She was born on February 3, 1939 in Bloomfield, Iowa to Paul Edgar and Lucy Fay Kline Yates.

She started her schooling in Bloomfield. Sometime after kindergarten, she attended Agassiz Elementary in Ottumwa, Iowa, but she moved back to Bloomfield with her family after the flood of 1947. She graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1957.

After high school, she attended Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her first teaching position was in Belton, Missouri where she taught for four years. She then earned her master's degree from the same college to qualify in elementary art education. She taught art for several years at the Perry and Buffalo Elementary Schools, which are part of the Davenport, Iowa school system. She retired in 1984.

On April 21, 1981 she married Gerald Ales at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They started their life in a home Ales owned on a beautiful street in Davenport. They lived there throughout their marriage except for one year; a fire damaged and destroyed the home on May 13, 2013. They chose to put the home back to its original state in improved condition rather than move permanently to a different home.

Janet was active in local politics in the Davenport area for many years. She served as a precinct committee woman and volunteered in many capacities, at one time earning an award for her efforts. She also enjoyed playing the piano and singing.

She had a great love for cats and dogs, as well as birds. She chose pets that needed a home. In her younger days she was an active member of the First Christian Church in Davenport and taught Sunday School.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Ales of Davenport and a sister, Jane Yates of

Bloomfield. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Ron DeVore officiating. Burial will be at the West Grove Cemetery in West Grove, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday with the family present to greet friends from noon until the time of the service.

Memorials have been established to the Heartland Humane Society in Ottumwa and the Humane Society of Scott County, Iowa.

# Cemetery Details

## West Grove Cemetery

Echo Ave  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 22. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

### Visitation

JAN 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
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### Funeral Services

JAN 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
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Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Janet Ales

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM

GE

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



geales - January 20, 2019 at 05:25 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandy Ricks - January 20, 2019 at 10:38 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandy Ricks - January 20, 2019 at 10:18 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Dan, Sandy, Lori, Steve & Janet



Sandy Ricks - January 20, 2019 at 09:12 AM

PY

“ Janet, and Jerry, were one of the most pleasant experiences I had as Mayor of Davenport. They were loyal supporters and good friends. Her dedication to the betterment of our City was inspiring. She will be missed. Our prayers and condolences are with her family.

*Phil Yerington*

Phil Yerington - January 19, 2019 at 11:16 PM



“ Steve-Wendy Nath lit a candle in memory of Janet Ales



Steve-Wendy Nath - January 18, 2019 at 11:39 AM

RH

“ May all of Janet's loved ones, Gerald, family members, and dear friends find healing in the celebration of her wonderful and vibrant life. Ruthanne Holbert

Ruthanne Holbert - January 17, 2019 at 10:40 PM

BR

“ Bobby, Martha, and Ruthanne purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Janet Ales.



Bobby, Martha, and Ruthanne - January 17, 2019 at 10:36 PM

MB

“ Janet was one of the most delightful persons I have known. She was always herself and always friendly. Her love for her pets always impressed me, and my agreeing with her political views was a definite plus. The world has lost a genuinely good person.

Martha Biggs - January 17, 2019 at 10:26 PM