



## JoElla Cossel

March 25, 1940 - December 21, 2024

JoElla Cossel, 84, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on December 21, 2024 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa after a brief illness. She was born on March 25, 1940 to Vaughn Leo and Mabel Irene White Proctor in Ottumwa, Iowa. She lived all of her childhood years on her parents' century farm near Ash Gove, Iowa. She graduated from Davis County High School in 1958. On October 26, 1958 she married Loren Edwin Cossel in Lancaster, Missouri. He passed away on March 8, 2003.

Through her married years, JoElla was a farm wife. She also worked for the Bloomfield Democrat and the Republican Newspaper; at Super Crost Seed Corn alongside her husband; was a Davis County Supervisor; a bookkeeper for several grain elevators and feed stores; and after her retirement, she was a cashier for Don Horn Auction until she was 80 years old. She attended Stiles Christian Church in Stiles, Iowa and volunteered many hours at the IMO Camp. Her hobbies included traveling with her husband and many friends, volunteering for the Davis County Fairboard, sewing, quilting, and many art projects for her family over the years.

She is survived by four children, Lois (Doug) Heckethorn, Vaughn "Eddie" (Deb) Cossel, Gary (Sheila) Cossel, Lori Altheide; eleven grandchildren; 23 (and soon to be 24) great-grandchildren; brother, Gene (Kathy) Proctor; two sisters-in-law, Kay Proctor and Lois McMillin; as well as her nieces and

nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband; brother, Max Proctor; and brother-in-law, John McMillin II.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 27, 2024 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with her nephew and Ozark Christian College President, Matt Proctor, officiating. Burial will be at the West Grove Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Davis County Fair and the Living Water Christian Mission in Gonaives, Haiti. Pallbearers will be Luke Altheide, Mason Altheide, Dustin Heckethorn, Aaron Cossel, Philip Stueve and Gibb Johnson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **26**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation with Family Present

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
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Bloomfield, IA 52537  
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## Funeral Service

DEC **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RA

“ So sorry to hear of JoElla passing as I loved her dearly. We met at the university hospital in 1996 when our husbands had bone marrow transplant. Have kept in contact with her as she has visited me and I have been to farm to see her. Sending prayers, hugs and love to the family.

*With deepest sympathy and*

*Love*

*Ronda Ake*

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**Ronda Ake** - January 03, 2025 at 03:51 PM

MH

“ *Mark & Nancy Holt lit a candle in memory of JoElla Cossel*



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**Mark & Nancy Holt** - December 30, 2024 at 09:56 AM

LR

“ *Lynn. Roberts lit a candle in memory of JoElla Cossel*



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**Lynn. roberts** - December 24, 2024 at 09:54 PM

KS

“ Karen Spargur lit a candle in memory of JoElla Cossel



Karen Spargur - December 24, 2024 at 12:24 AM

LW

“ I attended Oak Springs School with JoElla and Max. I think she and Jerry Black were a year behind me. She was smart and lived a good life. She will become a busy Angel in no time. Bless all who were fortunate enough to know her. Linda McCarty Wingett.

Linda Wingett - December 23, 2024 at 08:25 PM

BB

“ We had lots of great times together when our kids were small  
We were busy farming so we didn't get to see each other as much as we would have liked  
She was a great friend  
Bonnie Birchmier



Bonnie Birchmier - December 23, 2024 at 07:21 PM

LZ

“ Luke Zaiger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of JoElla Cossel.



Luke Zaiger - December 23, 2024 at 05:55 PM

LZ

“ Luke Zaiger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoElla Cossel.

Luke Zaiger - December 23, 2024 at 05:55 PM

SW

“ I was so sorry to hear of JoElla's death.  
Prayers for all...Sue White



Sue White - December 23, 2024 at 11:03 AM

CF

“ Carla Fleming lit a candle in memory of JoElla Cossel



Carla Fleming - December 23, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of JoElla Cossel.



December 23, 2024 at 09:23 AM

JM

“ Tears and prayers for my cousins. I have so many great memories with Aunt JoElla. From July 4th celebrations, to Easter picnics. Sleepovers as well. She was a loving and caring woman! James & Lisa McMillin 🙏

james mcmillin - December 23, 2024 at 08:05 AM

JS

“ Julie Scott lit a candle in memory of JoElla Cossel



Julie Scott - December 23, 2024 at 05:35 AM

JS

JoElla was such a special lady. Thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time.

Julie Scott - December 23, 2024 at 05:43 AM

RC

“ Rest in peace sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time 🙏



Rebecca coyne - December 23, 2024 at 12:39 AM

JM

“ *I will always cherish dear Aunt Jo giving me big hugs and sharing her love during visits to Bloomfield and West Grove. My heart goes out to all her family.* ”



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**JOEL MCMILLIN** - December 22, 2024 at 11:27 PM

RG

“ *Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of JoElla Cossel* ”



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**Regina Gooden** - December 22, 2024 at 10:13 PM