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Mount Pleasant - Bente Lofton, 80, passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2025, surrounded by her family at Aurora Medical Center Mount Pleasant.

Bente was born on September 11, 1944, to the late Henning and Dagmar (nee Sorensen) Jacobsen on their family farm in Morlid, Danmark.

Bente came to the United States on a ship with her parents, brother, and sister on May 5, 1953. The family settled in Racine, Wisconsin, which has been their home ever since. Upon arriving in America, Bente faced the challenge of not knowing English, but her determination allowed her to learn the language after starting school.

As a child, Bente's creativity shone through in her play. She would craft animals from pinecones and sticks, showcasing her resourcefulness and imagination. She attended Park High School, where she met the love of her life, Daniel Lofton Sr. Together, they shared 60 wonderful years of love and partnership.

Bente was immensely proud of her Danish heritage and carried its traditions and values throughout her life. She found joy in fishing, always baiting her own hook and removing her own catch. One of her most cherished traditions was the yearly family vacations to Brekke's Fireside Resort in Rhinelander, a tradition she started, and which became a source of countless fond memories for her family.

Bente found happiness in the simple pleasures of life. She loved spending time with her family, whether it was sharing a meal, watching classic black-and-white movies, or listening to music. Her warmth, humor, and love enriched the lives of everyone around her.

Bente's legacy will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. Her life was a beautiful example of love, resilience, and joy.



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Bente will be deeply missed by her husband, Daniel Lofton Sr.; children: Randy (Rhonda) Lofton, Andrea Sheehan, Dan (Kristin) Lofton Jr., and Brian Lofton; grandchildren: Sarah (John), Lisa (Clint), Bekah (Devin), Randy, Christi (Max), Cara, Caitlin, Samantha, Daniel, Joey, and Morgan; great-grandchildren: William, Amiyah, Elina, Erikah, Leah, Ryker, and Amelia; brother, Torkild (Mel) Jacobsen; nieces: Amy and Grecille; nephews: Matt and David; special friends: Bente Ellis “Big Bente” and Donna Muraski; along with many other relatives and friends.

Bente was preceded in death by her sister, Henny Jacobsen.

Services for Bente will be held privately.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Fay and the ICU staff from Aurora Medical Center Mount Pleasant for their wonderful care for Bente.



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Leslee Magbee lit a candle in honor of Bente.

Bente, you will forever be missed. You raised such a beautiful family with kind caring hearts as big as yours was. I'm blessed to have Andrea and the girls in my life and forever grateful to be the godmother to Cara! Be at peace!



January 28 at 11:19 AM



Leslee Magbee posted:

Bente, you raised such a beautiful, caring and loving family! Their hearts are as big as yours was! I am forever grateful to have met Andrea and think of her as my sister! Cara thank you for allowing me to be your godmother! None of this would be possible if it wasn't for you! May your soul rest at peace now and fly wherever you want to go! God has gained a special angel RIP ❤️

January 28 at 10:25 AM



Dan And Michelle Sheehan sent an Arrive in Style to the Lofton family.



January 28 at 5:30 AM



Terry posted:

So sorry for your loss With sympathy Rich and Terry (Jorgensen) Kropp

January 26 at 5:14 AM



Leila Daniels Phelps posted:

It's been so many many years ago that I met Bente & Danny. They were so well matched, a truly beautiful couple. My sincere condolences to their entire family. Bente and I talked about Denmark all those years ago because my grandmother's father was a Sorensen. She had such vivid memories of Denmark and her smile when she talked about it was contagious. I was younger, but she treated everyone the same, a kindness that was so much a part of her, she left her smile in the hearts of everyone around her! She will be missed by all who ever met her... RIP sweet girl!

January 24 at 12:58 PM



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Tork And Mel Jacobsen & Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bente.



January 23 at 7:15 AM



Tork And Mel Jacobsen & Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Lofton family.



January 23 at 7:15 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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