

Peggy Lee Jones Biekert, 84, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2026, at the BeeHive Home in Belgrade. She was the first of six children born to Clifford (Lee) and Helen Justa Rose Jones on April 4, 1942. The family grew to eight as Lee farmed in Logan County, OK near the town of Guthrie. In 1955, farming was particularly difficult as drought hit and Lee was forced to give up farming.

Lee and Helen packed up their family and moved to Cedar Falls, IA. There Peggy graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1960.

Peggy loved to dance and met her future husband at the Riviera ballroom in Janesville, IA. They loved dancing and would often go out several nights a week. On April 28, 1962, Peggy and Lyle Biekert were married in a small family ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Cedar Falls.

In 1969, Peggy and Lyle moved to Bozeman, where Lyle enrolled in the Civil Engineering program at Montana State University. Peggy worked for the Gallatin County Treasurer while Lyle worked towards his degree. After Lyle graduated, Peggy attended Montana State and received a degree in business with an emphasis in accounting. Upon graduation she took the full CPA exam and passed it on the first attempt. She was one of only 12% nationwide to do so.

Peggy had her own CPA office and performed government audits. In 1985, she closed her office and began a career at the City of Bozeman where she eventually became the Assistant Finance Director.

In 2002, Peggy retired from her job at the city. She began concentrating on volunteer work and genealogy. She was a faithful member of the Springhill Presbyterian Church and volunteered often.

She loved genealogy and produced elaborate family trees. Much of this work was before Ancestry.com which greatly simplified such endeavors. In later years, she was forced to give up much of this work due to failing eyesight.

Lyle and Peggy enjoyed many camping trips in their 1984 Volkswagen Vanagon which they still own. They also enjoyed their beloved coffee group which met 7 days a week. Her dear friend Patty would always make a cake for every birthday and special occasion.

Peggy died after a short battle with thyroid cancer.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Lyle of 64 years; siblings, Joseph Jones of Myrtle Beach SC, Clifford (Karen) Jones of Ozark, MO, Helen (Gayle) Lundeen and husband, Bill of Davenport, IA, and Lawrence Jones of Davenport. She is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces and cousins since her parents both came from large families.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert Henry Jones; sister-in-law, Debra Jones; brother-in-law, Eldon Biekert and his wife, Bonnie.