

*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



Frances "Fran" N. Lage, 83, of Grundy Center, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 24, 2019 at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center. The funeral service for Fran will be held on Friday, June 28th at 10:30 AM at the United Methodist Church in Grundy Center. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Following the funeral service, lunch will be served, where we will leave in procession at 12:30 for the interment at Maple Hill Cemetery in rural Gladbrook.

Fran was born January 10, 1936, in Tama County, Iowa, 1 mile west of Lincoln, to her parents William & Naomi (Bergles) Kuehl. She attended school in Gladbrook and on March 8, 1953, Fran was united in marriage to Elmer Lage at the Salem Church of Lincoln. The couple were blessed with three children, where Fran stayed home and raised her children and worked alongside her husband as a loyal farm wife. After her children were grown, Fran went on to work for Plastronics and then at Hooks Grocery Store, both in Grundy Center. She later began her food service career as the kitchen manager at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center and later at Beverly Manor (Grundy Care Center), where she retired.

She enjoyed sewing and crocheting, including many beautiful Christmas ornaments she proudly displayed. Fran also enjoyed flowers, baking cookies, camping and fishing, and bus bank trips with her husband, her favorite travel stop in Branson, MO. Fran enjoyed spending time with her family and after the death of her husband Elmer, coffee with her friends in the morning became a highlight of her day. Although she left this world too unexpectedly, it brings her family comfort all the memories they made with her along the way.

Fran is survived by her children Micheal (Deb) Lage of Reinbeck, Colleen (Tom) Eagan of Eldora and Barbara DeVries of Grundy Center; grandchildren Eric (Brenda) Lage of Reinbeck, Teresa (Scott) Williamson of Eldora, Brian (Jana) Eagan of Rockwell, IA, Nick Cooper of Grundy Center, Beau (Lisa) Cooper of southeast Asia and Lucas Cooper of Grundy Center; great-grandchildren Cole, Casey & Carly Williamson, Peyton & Hudson Eagan and Brenna & Gwen Cooper; brothers and sisters-in-law Russ (Donna) Lage, Glen (Karen) Lage and Helen Lage; a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Elmer.

A Life Remembered

Frances Naomi Lage

Born Into Life

January 10, 1936

Tama County, Iowa

Entered Eternal Rest

June 24, 2019

Grundy Center, Iowa

Funeral Service

Friday, June 28, 2019

10:30 AM

United Methodist Church

Grundy Center, Iowa

Officiating Minister

Pastor Jerry Miller

Organist

Sandie Stumberg

Pianist

Teresa Williamson

(Fran's Granddaughter)

Congregational Hymns

"In The Garden"

"It Is Well With My Soul"

"Amazing Grace"

Casket Bearers

Scott Williamson Brian Eagan Eric Lage

Blain Lage Vernon Johnson

Honorary Casket Bearers

Nick Cooper Beau Cooper

Russ Lage Lucas Cooper

Interment

Maple Hill Cemetery

Gladbrook, Iowa

Immediately following the funeral service, Fran's family would like to invite those in attendance to join them for lunch in Fellowship Hall. We will leave in procession to Maple Hill Cemetery in Gladbrook at approximately 12:30 PM.