

# The Rose Beyond the Wall

A rose once grew  
Where all could see,  
Sheltered beside  
A garden wall,  
And as the days passed  
Swiftly by,  
It spread its branches,  
Straight and tall...

One day, a beam of light  
Shone through  
A crevice that had  
Opened wide --  
The rose bent gently  
Toward its warmth  
Then passed beyond  
To the other side...

Now, you who deeply  
Feel its loss,  
Be comforted -- the rose  
blooms there --  
Its beauty even greater now,  
Nurtured by  
God's own loving care.

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*Happiness keeps you sweet, trials keep you strong, sorrows keep you human, failures keep you humble, success keeps you glowing, but only you & God keeps you going!*

*In loving  
Memory*



*Linda Peters*

1948 - 2019

*Service*

Wellsburg Reformed Church  
617 East 4th Street - Wellsburg, Iowa

June 29 2019

Obituary

Linda Peters

Invocation and Prayer

Song: "Calling All Angels"

*Scripture Readings:*

Psalm 23

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 6:37-40

Song: "The Prayer"

Sermon: John 14:1-6 "A Home is Prepared"

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing by Kris Peters-Potts

Poem: "If Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

Song: "In the Arms of an Angel"

Closing Prayer

Benediction



Linda Lee Peters, age 71, died Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at home in Maxwell, Iowa. Visitation for Linda will be held on Saturday, June 29, from 1 pm until the time of the funeral service beginning at 3 pm at the Wellsburg Reformed Church, 617 E. 4th Street, Wellsburg, IA. A private interment will be held at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, IA. Memorials may be directed to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (please include Linda's name in the memo). Abels Funeral & Cremation Service-Doyen Chapel is caring for Linda and her family. For messages of condolence and memories of Linda, please visit [www.abelsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.abelsfuneralhomes.com).

Linda was born on May 9, 1948, to the late William and Esther Van Deest of Wellsburg, Iowa, the fifth of nine children. She graduated from Wellsburg HS in 1966, having won the title of Grundy County Dairy Queen. On August 25, 1967, she married Howard Dean Peters. Following Howard's Air Force service in Viet Nam, they eventually settled in Sheffield, IA, and later Ankeny, IA, where they raised three daughters.

Linda was a founding member of the EMT's while living in Sheffield, IA, where she and her husband owned the H&L Grocery store. She was an active member of the community, serving in the Booster Club and numerous civic organizations. Later, she went on to earn a nursing degree and eventually managed two medical clinics. Linda was a strong, dynamic presence for everyone she met. She loved her family fiercely, especially her grandchildren. Nana attended every concert, play, and sporting event she could. She was a faithful Cubs fan and cheered for both the Cyclones and Hawkeyes to equally support all of her college-aged grandkids. She even became a Husker volleyball fan. Nana lovingly memorialized all of her grandkids' wonderful childhood memories in the numerous scrapbooks created by her just for them.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Kristine (Jeff) Potts of Lenexa, KS, Jennifer (Bob) Merfeld of Clear Lake, IA, and Cortney (Nate) Swanson of Arapahoe, NE; eight grandchildren, Jeffery, Meghan, and Abby Potts; Zach, Megan, and Julia Merfeld; and Hunter and Emerson Swanson; sisters Coleen Ralston and Susan Lutterman; brothers Ben (Dee), Ted (Linda), Larry (Faye), Alvin (Michelle), Melvin (Jani); and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Jim, and brothers-in-law Tim Ralston and Alan Lutterman.