

Marian Louise Gayer Kooiman

December 9, 1923 - July 8, 2022



Be still, and know that I am God:

I will be exalted among the heathen,

I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalms 46:10

“Life has been good with God as my constant companion.

I would be nothing without Him”

I was born on a farm in Rock Valley, Iowa.

I was baptized and confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church, Sioux Center, Iowa.

One of seven children (the eldest daughter) born to Gottlieb and Anna (Hamann) Gayer.

Both of my parents were born in Germany. We spoke only German until we children went to school (a one room school house-1/2 mile from home).

In 1943 I moved to California, with a girlfriend and her family, and worked in photography on SAAAAB. In 1944 I moved to New York and worked at Manufacture Trust Bank.

In 1945 I moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota and worked at NW Security Nat-1 Bank.

I then moved back to Rock Valley and married Herman “Doc” Kooiman in 1946.

We had four beautiful and cherished children. We worked hard to establish and build Our Savior Lutheran Church, where our children were baptized.

In 1956 we all moved to Clearwater, Florida.

As a restaurant owner, real estate & insurance agent, and mother of four I was kept very busy.

In 1985 “Doc” died and my “nest” was empty.

I then forged a 35 year career volunteering at Largo Medical Center Hospital.

At age 75 I received my GED.

I also loved to cook. So many friends enjoyed my meals.

I never stopped being proud of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Marian is survived by her **four children**: Brian Kooiman (wife Jan) of Austin, Texas, Waldon Kooiman (wife Susan) of Charlotte, North Carolina,

Pamela Cartier of Largo, Florida, and Sharman Cunningham of Young Harris, Georgia.

five grandchildren: Brad Kooiman, Ashley Kooiman, J. Matthew Parrot, Michael Kooiman, and Anna Stuckey.

six great grandchildren: Rebecca Luker, Casey Luker, Corey Luker, Brooks Stuckey, Poppy Kooiman, and Annabel Stuckey.

sister: Berdena Buma of Naperville, Illinois

