

On The Other Side Of Death

Death is a Gateway
We all must pass through
To reach that Fair land
Where the soul's born anew,
For man's born to die
And his sojourn on earth
Is a short span of years
Beginning with birth.
And unlike pilgrims we wander
Until death take our hand
And we start on our journey
To God's Promised Land,
A place where we'll find
No suffering nor tears,
Where TIME is not counted
By days, months or years -
And in this Fair City
That God has prepared
Are unending joys
To be happily shared
With all our loved ones
Who patiently wait
On Death's Other Side
To open "The Gate"!

Helen Steiner Rice



In Loving Memory of

Anita L. Boyenga

March 23, 1942 - May 11, 2023

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Funeral Service

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Hartquist Funeral Home
Luverne, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Corilee Boer

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-10

Recorded Music

"If We Never Meet Again" - Booth Brothers
"Castles On The Sand" - Booth Brothers
"When We All Get To Heaven" - Alan Jackson
"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" - Alan Jackson

Casket Bearers

Mike Boyenga	Hugh Boyenga
Chet DeJong	Mike Jarchow
Chris Maag	Patrick Connell

Honorary Casket Bearers

Maxwell DeJong	Luke DeJong
Carter Boyenga	Simon Boyenga
Griffen Jarchow	

Interment

Stateline Cemetery
Rural Ellsworth, Minnesota
Rock County, Minnesota

Arrangements By

HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

Anita Lucille Boyenga was born March 23, 1942 to Roney and Alma (Griese) Wiese in Rock Rapids, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed at the Stateline Presbyterian Church in rural Ellsworth, Minnesota. Anita was raised on the family farm southeast of Luverne, Minnesota. She attended country school through the eighth grade in Ash Creek, Minnesota and graduated from Luverne High School in 1960. Following graduation, Anita attended the South Dakota Beauty Academy in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On November 18, 1961, Anita was united in marriage to Ronald Boyenga at the Stateline Presbyterian Church. Their first year of marriage was spent living on Ron's parent's farm near Ellsworth. They then rented an acreage two miles down the road which they would later purchase. Anita helped in various aspects of the farming operation in addition to raising five children. She also harvested from a large garden every year, canning and freezing the produce.

Anita was currently a member of the United Christian Church in Rock Rapids after being a life-long member of Stateline Presbyterian Church until its closing. She was very involved in both churches. Through the years she helped teach Sunday school and Bible School, helped lead youth group, and filled the role of church secretary which included preparing the weekly bulletins. Anita was gifted at sewing, crocheting, knitting and baking. She was known for her baby gifts of knitted blankets. She also knitted hundreds of sweaters which were donated to charities for children around the world. Anita grew beautiful roses for many years, providing the kitchen table with lovely roses throughout the summer. She was an avid reader and a faithful student of the Bible. She enjoyed a good game of pinochle, traveling, and especially attending her grandchildren's events and activities. Anita will be remembered for her faithfulness in sending birthday and anniversary cards, her hospitality in hosting family holiday meals, and her generosity.

In her final years, Anita courageously lived out her cancer diagnosis without complaint, continuing to think of others before herself and maintaining a sense of humor. On Thursday, May 11, 2023, while at home surrounded by family, she passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus.

Left to honor her memory are her husband, Ron; five children, Melinda (Chet) DeJong of Rock Rapids, Wanda (Mike) Jarchow of Luverne, Mike (Angie) Boyenga of Ellsworth, Hugh (Patrick) Boyenga of Sacramento, California, and Nicole (Chris) Maag of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; grandchildren, Maxwell (Gracia), Luke (Madelaine), Emily (Matthew), Amelia, Elise, Griffen, Anja, Katia, Lydia, Carter, Simon, Brynn, and Maesa; two great-grandchildren, Jack and Henry; brother, Loren Wiese of Sioux Falls, and brother-in-law, Mark (Priscilla) Boyenga of Hamilton, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert (age 8) and Vernon Wiese; and two sisters-in-law, Annette Wiese and Ruth Wiese.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to ATLAS of Rock County, MN or ATLAS of Lyon County, IA.