



Marlys Claire Etter, daughter of Fred "Fritz" and Verna (Tverberg) Gayer, was born November 12, 1951, at Hudson, South Dakota. Her family later moved to Rock Valley, Iowa where she graduated from high school. Marlys went on to attend Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, Iowa. On February 12, 1977, Marlys was united in marriage with Robin

Etter at Rock Valley. During their marriage the couple spent time living in Marshalltown, Iowa, Alton, Iowa, Le Mars, Iowa, Bandera, Texas, and Washta, Iowa.

Off and on for 20 plus years, Marlys spent time in graphic design at K-Products. Marlys had a colorful and helping spirit; she even loved tie-dye. Some may say her lifestyle resembled that of a hippie. Marlys also loved animals, flower gardening, and collecting all kinds of flamingos. Marlys died Monday, May 1, 2023, at her home in Washta at the age of 71.

Marlys is survived by her husband of 46 years, Robin Etter; 4 children, Daniel (Suzie) Etter of Fontana, California, Kim (Jerod) Haaven of Remsen, Iowa, Krista Etter of Sioux City, Iowa, and Josef (Kristeen) Etter of Remsen; 13 grandchildren, Matthew, Jackson, Jakob, Austin, Luci, Katie, Jon, Marley, David, Audrey, Sophia, Dallas, and Veronica; 6 siblings, Janet Renes of Sioux Center, Iowa, Howard (Janice) Gayer of Alton, Les (Helene) Gayer of Orange City, Iowa, Lois (Paul) De Leeuw of Hull, Iowa, June (Marlo) Voetberg of Marcus, Iowa, and Rhonda (Jeff) Haverhals of Harrisburg, South Dakota; and several nieces and nephews.

Marlys was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Verna Gayer; and 2 sisters, Lorraine Dykstra and Ruth Jansen.

Celebrating the Life of
Marlys Claire Etter
November 12, 1951 ~ May 1, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM, Monday, May 8, 2023
Porter Funeral Home
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Chris Van Beek
Faith Reformed Church

PIANIST

Vicky Kooistra

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Don't Stop"

Recorded by: Fleetwood Mac

"Wildflowers"

Recorded by: Tom Petty

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Daniel Etter ~ Josef Etter

Jerod Haaven ~ Jon Haaven

David Etter ~ Austin Haaven

Jacob Haaven ~ Jackson Etter

Matthew Lamasa ~ Dallas Tritz

PALLBEARERS

Scott De Leeuw ~ Ron Jansen ~ Jerry Renes
J.B. Renes ~ Nick Haverhals ~ Dave Alberts

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND.
IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT
BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD. IT DOES
NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT
SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY
ANGERED, IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF
WRONGS. LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT
IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE
TRUTH. IT ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS
TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS
PERSEVERES. LOVE NEVER FAILS.
BUT WHERE THERE ARE PROPHECIES,
THEY WILL CEASE; WHERE THERE ARE
TONGUES, THEY WILL BE STILLED;
WHERE THERE IS KNOWLEDGE, IT
WILL PASS AWAY.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 4-8

