



Isaiah 40:31

Strength

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their

They will soar on wings like *Eagles*



*A Mother holds
her children's hands for a while...
their hearts forever.*



Emma was born October 25, 1929, at Sioux Center, Iowa, the daughter of Peter W. and Johanna Elizabeth (Schilt) Mouw. She grew up in Sioux Center, Iowa and attended public school, graduating from Sioux Center High School. When in high school, Emma and her friend Annabelle Baker would go skating at the Sioux Center roller rink. One Saturday night they met Wilbert Winterfeld and Vernon Van Dyke who were friends also skating that evening. Emma started dating Wilbert and Annabelle dated Vernon. After Emma's graduation in 1948 she and Wilbert married and farmed an 80-acre farm just north of Rock Valley, Iowa. Their daughters Eloise was born February 1, 1951, and Sandy on February 26, 1954.

In 1957 they sold the farm and purchased the 240-acre farm north of Doon, Iowa with Wilbert's parents. Many years on the Doon farm were happy ones with the girls having pets of many cats and a dog named "Mopsie". The family was busy with 4-H for the girls, school, and family vacations to the lakes, Black Hills, and Yellowstone. It took a lot of hard work, but they enjoyed the life they had. They had good neighbors for friends and Wilbert worked together with the Boers by Alvord. When Wilbert had health problems, they sold the farm in 1970 and built a new home in Rock Valley. Emma worked as a nurse's aide at Valley Manor. They later built an apartment building and moved into apartment #1. Emma continued to work outside of the home at Davelaar Cabinets, True Value, Valley Woodworks, and later at Rock Valley Furniture.

In 1976 they were blessed with another daughter, Rebecca "Becky". They moved to another home as their family continued to grow with grandchildren. In 1992 Wilbert moved to Valley Manor Nursing Home due to having a stroke. On August 17, 1998, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and on October 25, 1998, her dear husband Wilbert passed away.

Vernon Van Dyke's wife Elizabeth had also died, so when Vernon came back to visit his mother, Emma and Vernon started seeing each other. In June of 2000 they were married and lived in Rock Valley for seven great years, until Vernon died of lung cancer on October 19, 2007.

Emma passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at Good Samaritan Society in George, Iowa at the age of 95.

Emma is survived by her 3 children, Eloise (Jim) Den Hartog of Boyden, Iowa, Sandra (Curt) Wynia of Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Becky (David) De Ruyter of Le Mars, Iowa; stepdaughter, Kathleen (Norbert) Kaeuffert of Meagkofen, Germany; 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; and 2 step grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husbands, Wilbert and Vernon.

Emma has said "I am thankful for the life God has given me and for all my precious family and friends".

In Loving Memory Of **Emma Delores Van Dyke**

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Monday, November 11, 2024
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Matt Polsdofer

ORGANIST

Julie Anderson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"
Jill De Ruyter and Tylandon De Ruyter

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"It Is Well With My Soul"
"Abide With Me"

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Dyllin Den Hartog ~ Austin Den Hartog
Trey Murray ~ Colby Den Hartog
Mason Wynia ~ Lucas Den Hartog
Myles LaFrentz ~ Bryce LaFrentz

CASKET BEARERS

Bob Den Hartog ~ Craig Wynia
Mike Den Hartog ~ Jeremy Den Hartog
Ian De Ruyter ~ Braden Wynia

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Please join Emma's family for lunch and fellowship
in the church hall following the committal service.*