



*Some day I'll tell my children
Someday, when my child is old enough to appreciate what motivates a
parent, I'll tell them...*

*I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, who with and
what time you would be home.*

I loved you enough to worry and nag about your health.

*I loved you enough to choose your temporary upset, in the hope that the
lessons would bring your longterm happiness.*

I loved you enough to be "overprotective".

*I loved you enough to not make excuses for your bad manners and lack of
respect.*

I loved you enough to choose to put myself last, every day.

I loved you enough to ignore what "every other parent" did.

*I loved you enough to remove people that I loved from my life so that I
could protect you.*

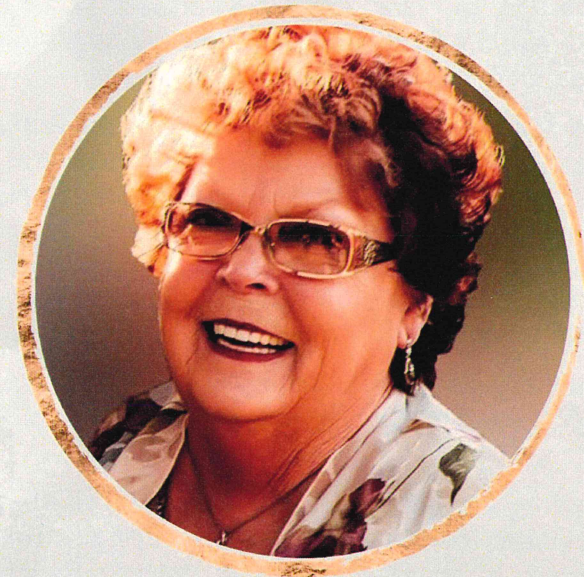
*I loved you enough to let you stumble, fail and fall, so that you could learn
to stand alone.*

*But most of all, I loved you enough to risk you hating me for decisions that
I made in the hope that I was doing what was best for you, that was the
hardest part of all.*

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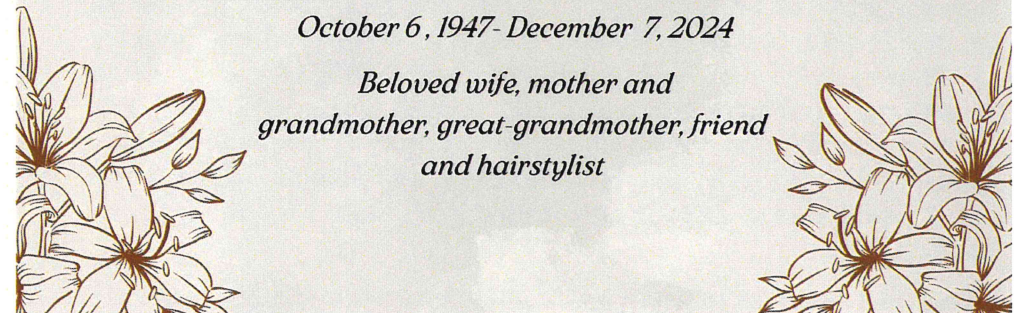
In loving memory of



Merry Landenberger

October 6, 1947- December 7, 2024

*Beloved wife, mother and
grandmother, great-grandmother, friend
and hairstylist*



Celebrating The Life Of
Merry Margaret Landenberger

Merry Margaret Landenberger was born on October 6, 1947, in Iowa City, Iowa, to William and Joyous (Keefer) Ramsey. She grew up on a farm. She lived in Coralville before moving to West Branch in 3rd grade. She graduated from West Branch High School in 1965. In Junior High, Merry started styling hair. After moving to Hawarden, Merry attended Stewart's Beauty School in Sioux Falls. "A stylist can do anything!" and that was Merry. She loved making people feel beautiful and confident- that was her passion.

On April 24, 1985, Merry married the love of her life, Lee Landenberger, and together they built a life in Hawarden, Iowa. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She worked at Linde's Salon in Hawarden for 20 years. She also worked at Wells Blue Bunny for another 15 years. After retiring, Merry continued doing hair at the Alcester Nursing Home, Hillcrest, and Oak Hill.

Merry's family was her whole world. She took so much pride in her children and grandchildren. She was infamously known as "Grams" to her family and grandchildren's friends. Grams had a warm loving heart and her smile was priceless. She loved making those around her smile and laugh. Merry loved volunteering at the Senior Center and Hawarden Community Dinner each month as well as spending time playing cards with her friends.

Merry went peacefully and surrounded by family to be with her Lord and Savior in her eternal home Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the Hawarden Regional Healthcare Hospital at the age of 77.

Merry is survived by her husband, Lee Landenberger of Hawarden, Iowa; her two children, Roxsann (Bill Boyer) Topete of Ireton, Iowa, Alan (Julie) Mace of Hawarden, Iowa, bonus daughter, Shari (Gaylen) Lenz of Lake Crystal, Minnesota daughter-in-law, Teresa DeRocher of Hinton, Iowa and Lee's children, Jeff Landenberger of Lincoln, Nebraska and Penny White of Hawarden, Iowa. She also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren, Joshua (Madison) Wilkens, Calena Topete, Amanda (Jacob) Maassen, Emma Mace, Brennen Landenberger, Kylee Landenberger, Nick (Jackie) Lenz, Elliot (Brandon) Friedrichs, Sydney White, David Frisk, and Chad and Cody Landenberger. As well as her special great-grandchildren, Lane, Kenlee, Isabella, Grayson, Emersyn, and Henlee. Merry's siblings: sister, Violet Brown and brother, William "Willie" (Gisela) Ramsey.

Merry was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, bonus son, Mark Landenberger, and many other extended family members.

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS
Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Joshua Lowe

ORGANIST

Jeanna Negaard

SOLOIST

Frank Harry
"Amazing Grace"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"
"Joy to The World"

CASKET BEARERS

Joshua Wilkens ~ Brennen Landenberger
Nick Lenz ~ Joseph Ramsey
Brandon Friedrichs ~ Jacob Maassen
Carson Gross ~ Brayden Logan

PRIVATE FAMILY INTERMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery
Hawarden, Iowa