

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies; you anoint my
head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Maxine I. Upmeyer

December 23, 1922 – May 16, 2023

Maxine I. Upmeyer, 100, of Garner, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at Heritage Care Center in Mason City.

Maxine Isabelle Upmeyer, the daughter of Clinton and Ada (Peterson) Stokesbary, was born December 23, 1922, in Klemme. She was baptized and confirmed and began teaching Sunday School at age 12 at the Methodist Church in Klemme. Maxine attended country school and graduated from Garner High School. She received her normal teaching certificate at Iowa State Teachers College and taught in the rural schools of Hancock County for five years. On June 2, 1946, she was married to Merlyn Upmeyer at the Methodist Church in Garner. Together they farmed southwest of Garner where they raised their family. In 2005, they moved into Garner. In 2009 she became a resident of Prairie View Apartments. Maxine had a twinkle in her eyes and a great sense of humor, a servant's heart and was always helping those in need from serving on the suicide hotline to giving shelter to abused women and others down on their luck. She will always be remembered by her family for her unwavering Christian faith, her huge garden and the abundance of produce she put up and also shared, her writings and poetry, the dolls, stuffed animals, her faith and time she made for her grandchildren.

She was a member of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church where she taught Sunday school.

Maxine is survived by her children, Rebecca (Darrell) Lucht of Hulbert, OK, Linda (Bob) Wages of Bixby, OK and Jill (Marc) Dean of Mason City; daughter-in-law, Susie Upmeyer of Alamogordo, NM; four grandchildren, Heather (Javier) Lopez, Dylan (Amanda) Lucht, Jade (Brian) Winfrey and Daniella Williams; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Law of Clear Lake; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Merlyn in 2007; son, Daniel in 2013; grandson, David Wages in 2018; and siblings, Lyle Stokesbary, Mildred Wilson, Glen Stokesbary, Marvin Stokesbary, Bonnie Osnes, Bert Stokesbary and Phyllis Devens.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Homestead Assisted Living and Heritage Care Center for their kindness and compassionate care.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

Cataldo Funeral Chapel
Garner, Iowa
1:30 pm, Saturday
May 20, 2023

OFFICIATING

Rev. Brian Lund
Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church

MUSIC

"Blessed Assurance"
"How Great Thou Art"
"I'll Fly Away" by Alan Jackson

CASKET BEARERS

Dylan Lucht Luke Lopez
Marc Dean Javier Lopez
Darrell Lucht

BURIAL

Concord Township Cemetery
Garner, Iowa

The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the United Presbyterian Church fellowship hall immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.

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FUNERAL HOMES