

After a Death

Father, Your hand is heavy upon me now.
Teach me to understand Your will and
Your ways.

Father, I thank You for the blessing that
Emma has been to me.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Father, I thank You for the love that has
called Emma to Your side and calls me
to rejoice.

Praise Him, all creatures here below!

Father, I thank You for the mercy that
sent Your own Son into death so that we
will never be defeated by death.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Father, I thank You for the love which
through the resurrection of Your Son keeps
us alive by Your Spirit even in the midst
of death.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

You can take away the heaviness of my
sorrow. Fill me with joy and let me share
the peace of the undefeated life in Christ
with Emma forevermore. Amen.



Together Again



Emma Kalkwarf

May 8, 1929 ~ March 17, 2021



Emma D. Kalkwarf, 91, of Grundy Center, passed away on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at Creekside Living in Grundy Center, while under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 10:30 AM at the American Lutheran Church in Grundy Center. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. The burial will follow services at the Rosehill Cemetery in Grundy Center. Memorials may be directed to the family and memories and messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.abelsfuneralhomes.com

Emma was born on May 8, 1929 in Grundy County, Iowa on the family farm, to her parents Martin & Susie (Swygman) Henze. She grew up in Grundy County, and attended school in Dike, where she graduated high school from. As a young child, she met and became friends with her future husband Reinhard Kalkwarf, in which she often told stories to her family and friends how he saved her a seat on the school bus. The rest was history and Emma and Reinhard started their forever love story on August 31, 1950, at the Salem Lutheran Church, in rural Parkersburg. The couple welcomed 5 sons into their family, in which Emma stayed home and raised her boys, and took care of their home. In her free time, she was very active in their church, where she spent hundreds of hours quilting with her church family. Later in life, Emma and Reinhard learned to square dance and could often be found dancing with her sister and brother-in-law.

She enjoyed playing cards, and lots of fun and laughter was had with her family. Her family described her as happy, and always laughing. Even up until she passed away, she was still her 'spunky' self. Her family will miss her dearly but know she's happy to be reunited with her family and friends in Heaven.

Emma is survived by her 5 sons, Randal (JoAnn Shaeffer) of Roland, IA, Doug (Julie) of Bettendorf, IA, James (Ellen Force) of Des Moines, Gary (Nancy) of Pella and Keith of Grundy Center; grandchildren Melissa (Matt) Pohlman, Kristy Kalkwarf, Jacob Kalkwarf, Erin (Gary Boekhout) Kalkwarf, Martin Kalkwarf, Gregory, Bryon & Molly Kalkwarf, Kristen (Jonathan) Engelbrecht and Harmony Kalkwarf; 2 great-granddaughters Emily Kalkwarf & Ana Pohlman; sister Tena Aswegan of El Cajon, CA. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Reinhard; grandson David Kalkwarf; sister Lydia Henze.

In Loving Memory
Emma Dorothea Kalkwarf

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Funeral Service

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
10:30 AM

American Lutheran Church
Grundy Center, Iowa

Officiating

Pastor Lisa Dietrich

Organist

Allan Mittler

Vocalists

Gary Kalkwarf

Doug Kalkwarf

Vocal Selection

“Everywhere I Go”

Duet performed by Gary & Doug

Congregational Hymns

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

Processional Hymn

“Soon and Very Soon”

Recessional Hymn

Casket Bearers

Kristen Engelbrecht Erin Kalkwarf

Jacob Kalkwarf Matt Pohlman

Greg Kalkwarf Bryon Kalkwarf

Martin Kalkwarf

Usher

Orlin Stensland

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Grundy Center, Iowa

**Following the committal service at the cemetery,
Emma's family would like to invite those in attendance
to join them for food and Fellowship in the church basement.
Masks are required for the visitation and service,
and social distancing is recommended.**