

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me,
please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
and took me by the hand;
The angel said my place was ready,
In Heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates,
I felt so much at home,
for God looked down, smiled at me,
And told me "Welcome Home."
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.



Grada W. Van Ballegooyen



Grada Willemina Kooi was born in at home in Lebanon, Iowa to George and Greta (Vos) Kooi on November 17, 1930. She married John Van Ballegooyen on January 24, 1951 at the Lebanon Christian Reformed Church. Together they raised their family west of Hawarden in Union County, South Dakota. In addition to being a farm wife she also began working at Hillcrest in

1982. She then worked as an aide at the Hawarden Community Hospital and later as a physical therapy aide.

Grada enjoyed quilting, camping, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed her garden; her dream was to put up a light pole in her garden so she could work while the rest of us slept. Her flowers were poetry and beauty in its purest form.

She died on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Sioux Center Health in Sioux Center, Iowa at the age of 90 years.

Grada is survived by five children and their spouses, Marsha (Harlan) Moss of Hull, Iowa, John (Pam) Van Ballegooyen, Greg (Lynn) Van Ballegooyen of Hawarden, Dan (Lori) Van Ballegooyen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Cheri (Jason) Van Holland of Bellevue, Nebraska. She is also survived by siblings, Lane Kooi of Sioux Center, Iowa, George and Lari Kooi of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Alida and Marvin Scholten of Maurice, Iowa, Jean and Teunis Fluit of Larchwood, Iowa, and Linda and Ken Altena of Sioux Center, Iowa; also, thirteen grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Grada was preceded in death by her husband, John; father and mother; and sisters-in-law, Margaret and Joan Kooi.

In Loving Memory Of
Grada W. Van Ballegooyen

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Monday, June 7, 2021
Christian Reformed Church
Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Cornelius John Moss

ORGANIST

Marlene Daale

SOLOIST

Becky Scholten

"I Bowed On My Knees And Cried Holy"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord" #169

"I Will Sing Of My Redeemer" # 479

"How Great Thou Art" #483

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Braxton Moss ~ Aiden Moss

Asher Moss ~ Aalijah Moss

Aisayah Moss ~ Abram Moss ~ Shane Allen

Blake Van Ballegooyen ~ Conner Van Ballegooyen

CASKET BEARERS

Cory Moss ~ Aaron Moss

Jordan Moss ~ Michael John Van Ballegooyen

Justin Van Ballegooyen ~ Jackson Van Ballegooyen

INTERMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery

Hawarden, Iowa

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