

Marlene Harriet (Kooistra) Van't Land was born on June 10, 1932, to Martin and Jennie (Kempema) Kooistra on a farm near Hudson, SD. She joined older brothers John & Rich and was baptized at Hawarden Christian Reformed Church. The family lived on several farms in the Hudson – Hawarden area where younger brothers Willis & Harvey, along with cousin, Lloyd Kempema, joined the family. Marlene attended country schools, completing the 8th grade, and then worked for various farm families in the area. She made Profession of Faith at Hawarden CRC and was active in the Young People's Society and attended Mission Conferences.

In 1950 the family moved to a farm south of Inwood, IA and began attending Inwood CRC. It was there that Marlene met Alvin Van't Land, whom she married on September 24, 1953, at Inwood CRC. The couple lived in Kansas for two months while Alvin finished his military training. When he was sent to Korea, she returned to Iowa and lived with her parents. During this time, their first child, James (Jim), was born. When Alvin was discharged from the Army, they lived and worked for a farmer by Rock Valley, IA for a few months before buying a home in Inwood. There, Alvin took a job with the Farmers' Co-op Elevator and Inwood became their home for the rest of their lives. Robert (Rob) and Joann (Jo) were added to the family, and Marlene focused her attention on raising her children and being an active member of Inwood CRC. She attended night classes to obtain her GED.

Marlene was a devoted Christian, committing much time to prayer and the study of Scripture. She loved serving others by sharing gifts of food, sending encouraging notes, and engaging in conversations. She also enjoyed playing piano and singing. Marlene volunteered at the Beloit Sunday School mission in the early 1950's where she played the piano for the song time and taught the younger children. At Inwood CRC, she was a Sunday School teacher and a member of various Inwood CRC ladies' aid groups, often playing the piano for their meetings. Marlene enjoyed singing with the church choir and attending adult Bible Study groups. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for many years. Marlene and Alvin enjoyed traveling and spending time with extended family and friends. Marlene passed into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Fellowship Village in Inwood at the age of 91.

Left to cherish her memory are her 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren: **son, Jim & Holly Van't Land** of Larkspur, CO, and their children, Susie (Jeff) Guille, Alan (Michelle) Van't Land, John (Jenny) Van't Land, and Laura (Eric) Olson; **son, Rob & Bonnie Van't Land** of Hull, IA, and their children, Drew (Julianne) Van't Land, J.C. (Ellie) Van't Land, and Gabe (Kayla) Van't Land; **daughter, Jo & Roger Boon** of Hull, IA, and their children, Nichole (Jared) Blankespoor, Rhonda (Zach) Van Wyhe, and Randy (Brittany) Boon; Marlene is also survived by her brother, Harvey & Florence Kooistra of Grandville, MI; in-laws: Arlene Kooistra of Hills, MN, Marcene Kempema of Greeley, CO, Cliff & Arlene Vande Vegte of Escondido, CA, Ray & Elaine Van't Land of Jenison, MI, Ed & Mary Blankespoor of Rock Valley, IA, and Marv & Judy Van't Land of Escondido, CA; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Marlene was preceded in death by Alvin, her husband of nearly 67 years; parents, Martin and Jennie Kooistra; parents-in-law, John & Jo Van't Land; brothers, John, Rich (Fonda), Willis (Ella Mae), and Lloyd; and Van't Land brothers-in-law, Ted (Irene) and Jake (Carol).

## *Remembering the Life of Marlene Harriet Van't Land*

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**

1:30 PM, Saturday, September 2, 2023

Inwood Christian Reformed Church

Inwood, Iowa

#### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Steve Kooistra

#### **ACCOMPANIST**

Daniel Kooiker

#### **EULOGY**

Gabe Van't Land

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

Sung by Marlene's Great-Grandchildren

*"In Christ Alone"*

Sung by Marlene's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

*"The Garden"*

Sung by Nichole Blankespoor, Randy Boon & Rhonda Van Wyhe

#### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"By the Sea of Crystal" ~ "Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

*"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" ~ "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

#### **CASKET BEARERS**

Alan Van't Land ~ John Van't Land ~ Drew Van't Land

Gabe Van't Land ~ Randy Boon ~ Jared Blankespoor ~ Zach Van Wyhe

#### **HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

Susie Guille ~ Laura Olson ~ J.C. Van't Land

Nichole Blankespoor ~ Rhonda Van Wyhe ~ Jeff Guille

Michelle Van't Land ~ Jenny Van't Land ~ Eric Olson

Julianne Van't Land ~ Ellie Van't Land ~ Kayla Van't Land ~ Brittany Boon

#### **INTERMENT**

Richland Cemetery

Inwood, Iowa

*Marlene's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.*

# *“Safely Home”*

*I am home in heaven, dear ones;*

*oh, so happy and so bright!*

*There is a perfect joy and  
beauty in the everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,  
every restless tossing passed;*

*I am now at peace forever,  
safely home in heaven at last.*

*There is work still waiting for you,*

*so you must not idly stand,*

*do it now, while life remaineth—  
you shall rest in God’s own land.*

*When that work is all completed,*

*He will gently call you home;*

*oh, the rapture of that meeting*

*oh, the joy to see you come!*

*~ Author Unknown*



## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Marlene Harriet Van't Land*

*June 10, 1932 ~ August 26, 2023*