



Kari Ann Kleinwolterink was born December 2, 1970, to Loren and Ann Kleinwolterink of Sioux Center, Iowa. Kari graduated from Sioux Center High School in 1989 and Drake University School of Pharmacy in 1994. Her pharmacy degree was used working for Walmart Stores in Sioux Center and Valley Pharmacy (Lewis Drug), primarily in Rock Valley. Kari married Joe E. Van

Tol in 1994 and gave birth to two daughters, Tairin Van Tol and Amanda (Jonah) Fedders and son, Clay Van Tol. Kari loved each of them unconditionally.

Kari enjoyed going for walks, family vacations, traveling with and spending time at the lake with her husband, Kleinwolterink gatherings and more recently being a grandma to her granddaughter, Rylee Ann Fedders. Kari enjoyed a wonderful earthly life even with her cancer challenges and toward the end she greatly looked forward to meeting her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In her illness she was supported greatly by her family and the family dog Max, who was faithfully at her side during many cancer treatment days.

Kari also spent quiet time in scripture daily while remembering others in prayer, especially those who were also on a difficult journey with cancer. Her faith grew stronger daily. She leaves behind the truth of the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to those who loved her and her life acts as a testimony to God's goodness and closeness even amidst years of suffering. Her trust was that her home was in heaven. Praise God that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Kari passed away on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the age of 55 at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley after a 12-year battle with cancer. The creator of heaven and earth welcomed her home as a new creation and there is great rejoicing in that truth. Her family is grateful.

Kari is survived by her husband, Joe E. Van Tol of Rock Valley; children, Tairin Van Tol, Amanda (Jonah) Fedders, both of Rock Valley, and Clay Van Tol of Sioux Center; granddaughter, Rylee Fedders; mother, Ann Kleinwolterink; siblings, Kelly (Shawna) Kleinwolterink, Koty (Mick) Vande Griend and Kembe (Mandi) Kleinwolterink; father-in-law, Joe D. Van Tol; and brothers-in-law, Todd (Julie) Van Tol, Dave (Gayle) Van Tol, and Ryan (Melanie) Van Tol. She was preceded in death by her father, Loren Kleinwolterink; and mother-in-law, Judy Van Tol.

*Not that I have already obtained this
or am already perfect, but I press on to
make it my own, because Christ Jesus
has made me his own. Brothers, I do
not consider that I have made it my own.
But one thing I do: forgetting what lies
behind and straining forward to what lies
ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:12-14



Remembering the Life of
Kari Ann Van Tol

December 2, 1970 ~ February 28, 2026

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Thursday, March 5, 2026
Trinity Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Luke Johnston

PIANIST

Natalie Ysselstein

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

Clay Van Tol ~ Joe Van Tol ~ Tairin Van Tol

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Blessed Assurance"

"Cornerstone"

"O Praise The Name (Anastasis)"

"When Peace Like A River"

PALLBEARERS

Clay Van Tol

Jonah Fedders ~ Kembe Kleinwolterink

Kelly Kleinwolterink ~ Keegan Kleinwolterink

Jack Vande Griend ~ Joren Vande Griend

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Tairin Van Tol ~ Amanda Fedders ~ Rylee Fedders

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Kari's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the service.

