

A close-up photograph of several pink tulips with green stems, resting on an open book with visible text. The background is softly blurred.

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.**

A portrait of a woman with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a black top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The photo is framed with a pink border.

Celebrating the Life of

A background image showing a close-up of a black and white dog's face on the right and two cats' faces on the left, all looking towards the camera. The scene is softly lit.

Melinda S. Hartman

August 18, 1964 – January 15, 2026

Melinda S. Hartman, 61, of Algona, passed away Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Kossuth Regional Health Center in Algona.

Melinda Sue Hartman, the daughter of Ronald and Marlene (Dolphin) Hartman, was born on August 18, 1964, in Britt. She grew up in Crystal Lake and attended school at Happy ARC in Garner. Melinda received an education certificate from Britt Community Schools and began working at Hancock County Memorial Hospital in Britt. In December of 1988, she moved to Exceptional Opportunities' Westside Apartments in Algona. She took great pride in caring for her apartment, keeping it clean and tidy, and having it decorated with her own items. Melinda always looked forward to going to the Feed Mill Coffee Company in Algona with friends and having Saturday morning Coffee Club. She loved going to work and was employed by numerous businesses in Algona and Burt. Her passion was to color pictures and give them away as gifts. Every staff member, co-worker, and even the hospital nurses and aides received Melinda Hartman original artwork. She enjoyed cooking and baking, especially for others, and playing games on her tablet, completing find-a-word and jigsaw puzzles. For the past 37 years at Exceptional Opportunities, Melinda brought warmth, dedication and kindness. She will be dearly missed but not forgotten.

She was a member of Crystal Lake United Methodist Church.

Melinda is survived by her brother, Rick Hartman of Albert Lea, MN; stepmother, Agnes Hartman of Crystal Lake; step-siblings, Cindy (Dennis) Rippentrop of Charles City, Julie (Keith) Jessen of Fertile, James Holtorf of Rush City, MN, and Tim (Amy) Holtorf of Nine Mile Falls, WA; nephews, Micah (Mikayla) Heimdal and Matthew Hartman; niece, Mandy Hartman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ron Hartman; mother, Marlene Holtorf; and stepfather, Alvin Holtorf.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

United Methodist Church
Crystal Lake, Iowa
11 a.m., Thursday, January 22, 2026

OFFICIATING

Pastor Rachel Eggum

MUSIC

Tammy Johnson, Organist
Bruce Wubben, Soloist
"In The Garden"
Congregational Hymns
"How Great Thou Art"
"Amazing Grace"

USHER

Larry Kunkel

CASKET BEARERS

Steve Helm	Dustin Rippentrop
Matthew Hartman	Micah Heimdal
Adam Helm	Curt Helm

BURIAL

Crystal Township Cemetery
Crystal Lake, Iowa

The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the committal service.

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FUNERAL HOMES