

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

By David M. Romano

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
Are filled with tears for me

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
And each time you think of me
I know you'll miss me too

But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand

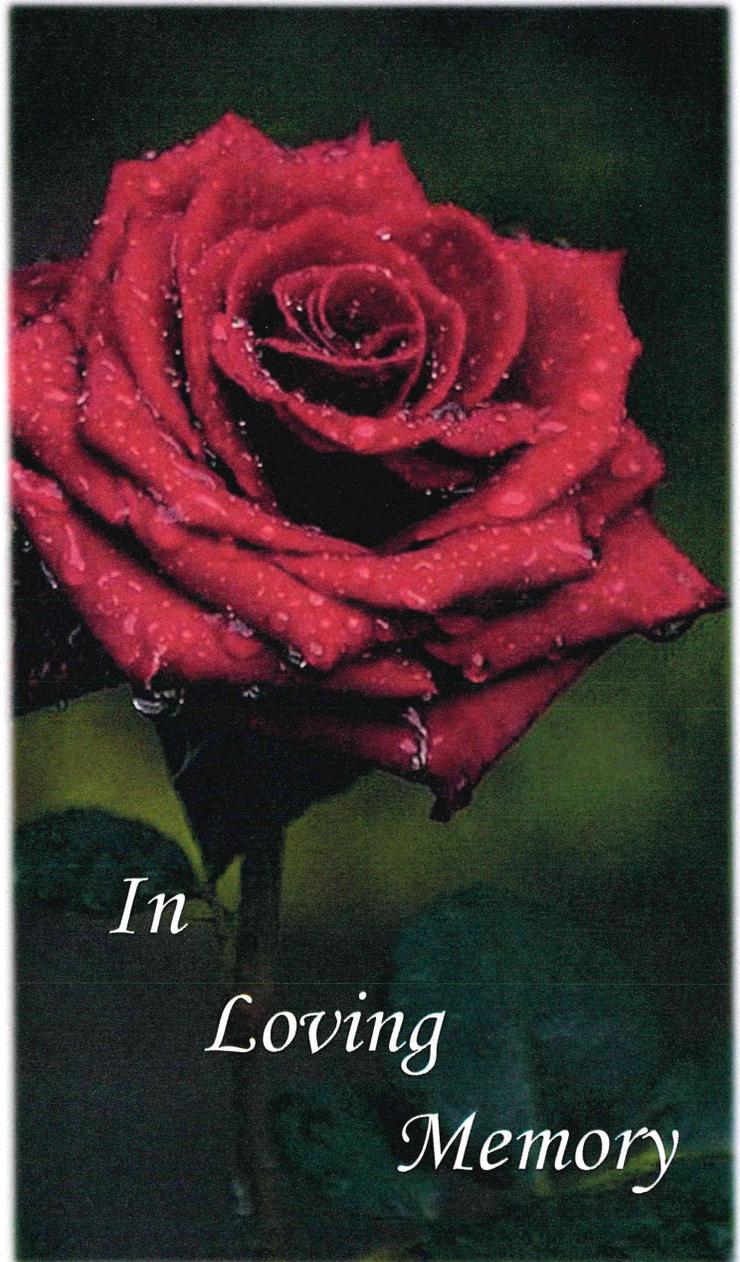
And said my place was ready
In Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love

But when I walked through Heaven's gate
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne

He said this is eternity
And all I promised you
Today your life on earth is past
But here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past

So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right here in your heart.



In

Loving

Memory



Everdena (Den Boer) Koedam was born on March 16, 1927, in rural Sioux County, Iowa, the daughter of John and Alice (Van Beek) Den Boer. She grew up on a farm southwest of Rock Valley, Iowa, where she learned the values of hard work and resilience. She attended school through the eighth grade.

On June 3, 1946, Everdena married William “Bill” Koedam at the Army Chapel in Petersburg, Virginia. Together, they built a life filled with love and commitment, moving from a farm north of Hull, Iowa, to a farm near Alford, Iowa, in 1957. In 1978, they settled in Rock Valley.

Everdena had a servant’s heart. She worked as a nurse’s aide at Valley Manor, now Whispering Heights, where she cared for others with patience and kindness. She also volunteered at Justice for All, giving her time to help those in need.

A woman of many talents, Everdena had a gift for sewing, adding her own creative touch to clothing repairs and designs. She loved fishing, playing the organ, and filling her home with music and laughter. She was witty and feisty, always bringing joy and warmth to those around her.

Everdena passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Whispering Heights at the age of 97. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends, who were blessed to share in her love and wisdom.

Everdena is survived by her sons, Jerry (Pat) Koedam and Allen (Wanda) Koedam; grandchildren, Tricia (Barney) Drenth, Cindy (Todd) Hasche, Jackie (Lanny) Meendering, Angela (David) Williams, Nathan (Aimee) Koedam, and Tyler (Amy) Koedam; great-grandchildren, Zach, Ragen, Taylor, Cody, Jackson, Alexis, Faith, Ava, Aiden, Olivia, Kenzie, Katie, and James; great-great-grandchildren, Alayna, Emalynn, Wesley, and Colby; and sister-in-law, Nina Koedam. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Alice; and husband, Bill.

Remembering the Life of Everdena Koedam

March 16, 1927 ~ February 12, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM, Monday, February 17, 2025

Porter Funeral Home

Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Eric Van Beek

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“How Great Thou Art” Carrie Underwood

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Joslin Grove Chorus

“At Calvary” The Carr Family

PALLBEARERS

Nathan Koedam ~ Tyler Koedam

Jackson Dammer ~ Ragen Hasche

Zach Drenth ~ Aiden Koedam

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa