

Arlis Kay De Weerd, daughter of Andrew and Nellie (Feekes) Van Der Vliet, was born February 19, 1953, in Sioux Center, Iowa. Arlis grew up on the family farm west of Carmel, Iowa. She attended Rock Valley Community School, graduating in the class of 1971. On April 1, 1972, Arlis was united in marriage to Stanley Wayne De Weerd. The couple first made their home in Sioux Center and eventually called Rock Valley home. Though Arlis worked outside the home at different times, she was at heart a devoted homemaker to her husband and four children, Jason, Scott, Janelle, and Allison.

Arlis loved the Lord and had a true servant's heart. Her faith was evident in the way she gave of herself to others, volunteering in many places over the years. She served at Camp Elohim in Montana, and spent time with Justice For All in Jackson, Mississippi, where she lovingly prepared countless meals. She served at STEMM in Tanzania and One Body One Hope in Liberia, both in Africa. She also served with Stepping Forward Ministries in Romania. Arlis also gave her time to World Renew in various states and Sunshine Acres in Mesa, Arizona, always willing to help wherever there was a need. For the last 9 years, Arlis volunteered as a teacher's aide at Rock Valley Christian where she was lovingly referred to as "Grandma Arlis". Her presence brought calm, kindness, and encouragement to the classrooms, and her gentle faith was evident in how she showed up each day. She did not seek recognition; she tried to avoid it, but her impact was unmistakable. Arlis also served in countless ways as a member of Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. When she wasn't volunteering or spending time with family, Arlis enjoyed sewing, crocheting and quilting.

Arlis passed away Saturday, December 20, 2025, from injuries sustained in a tragic motor vehicle accident in Liberal, Kansas at the age of 72.

Arlis is survived by her husband of 53 years, Stan; 4 children, Jason (Lindy) De Weerd of Doon, Iowa, Scott (Noemi) De Weerd of Rock Valley, Janelle (Darin) De Wit of Hull, Iowa, and Allison (Greg) Blom of Rock Valley; 14 grandchildren, Noah, Alianna, Myles, Afton, Izabella, Jayci, Elise, Jakobi, Samuel, Josiah, Charlotte, Kambri, Alexander, and Hudsyn; 2 brothers, Glenn (Paula) Van Der Vliet of Sheldon, Iowa and Brian (Jana) Van Der Vliet of Sioux Center; and 4 siblings-in-law, Mary (Bill) Schoep of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Arlin (Helen) De Weerd of Hull, Roger De Weerd of Maurice, Iowa, and Pam (Bernie) Punt of Sioux Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Nellie Van Der Vliet; 2-year-old brother, Arlin Van Der Vliet; parents-in-law, Gerald and Gladys De Weerd; and infant brother-in-law Daniel De Weerd and infant sister-in-law, Gail De Weerd.

Remembering the Life of
Arlis Kay De Weerd
February 19, 1953 ~ December 20, 2025

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 30, 2025
Trinity Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANTS

Pastor Dan De Groot
Pastor Jim Knodel

ACCOMPANIST

Melissa Boer

REMEMBRANCES

Arlis' Beloved Grandchildren
Sherry Mantel ~ Rock Valley Christian School

SPECIAL MUSIC

"He Will Hold Me Fast"
Darin & Jayci De Wit
"I Can Only Imagine"
Brad Krommendyk

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Lead Me, Guide Me"
"Hymn of Heaven"

PALLBEARERS

Noah De Weerd ~ Myles Blom ~ Jakobi Blom
Samuel De Weerd ~ Josiah De Weerd ~ Alexander De Weerd

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Alianna De Wit ~ Afton De Weerd ~ Izabella De Weerd
Jayci De Wit ~ Elise De Wit ~ Charlotte Blom
Kambri De Wit ~ Hudsyn De Wit

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Arlis' family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

