

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path *God laid for me.*
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with *remembered joy.*
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch.*

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, *He set me free!*

Celebrating the Life of



Ruth A. Lang

April 13, 1944 – March 15, 2025



Ruth A. Lang, 80, of Garner, passed away Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Concord Care Center in Garner.

Ruth Ann Lang was born on April 13, 1944, to Dent and Mary (Klipping) Church in Britt, Iowa. She attended Hayfield Consolidated School and completed her education at Garner-Hayfield High School, graduating in 1962. On June 15 of the same year, Ruth married John Lang in Long Prairie, Minnesota, and together they raised their family in Kanawha.

Throughout her life, Ruth devoted herself to supporting her family and community. She worked alongside John as a secretary for his business, John's Farm Service, and later took on roles as a cook for West Hancock Junior High School and the Kanawha Community Home until her retirement. Ruth was also known for her nurturing spirit, caring for many children in the Kanawha area.

In 2004, Ruth and John relocated to Britt. Following the passing of her husband in 2009, she moved to Garner. Ruth had a passion for reading, working on crossword puzzles, cooking, and cherished the time spent socializing over coffee with friends.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Garner, having previously been a longtime member of Kanawha Lutheran Church.

Ruth is survived by her four children, John (Holly) Lang of Algona, Rod (Amy) Lang of Garner, Hope (John) Wieland of Manly, and Heather (Dan) Lau of Garner; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Joan (Ron) Brown of Mason City, Arlene Church of Ankeny, Carol Jass of Ankeny, Roger (Joyce) Church of Garner, Val (Bob) Formanek of Garner, Laine Church of Des Moines, Sandy (Mike) Randall of Clear Lake, and Steve (Lynn) Church of Vinton as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; parents; parents-in-law, Gotlieb and Elsie Lang; sister-in-law, Eleanor Halter; and her brother-in-law, Daryle Jass.

Ruth will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, and the loving impact she had on all who knew her.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Garner, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Friday
March 21, 2025

OFFICIATING

Pastor Scott Kozisek

MUSIC

Beverly Cataldo, Organist
Congregational Hymns
"In the Garden"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
Special Music
Camden and Kenadie Lau
"I Can Only Imagine"
Joel and Pam Rohde
"Abide With Me"

USHER

Sherman Meyering

URN BEARERS

Bret Lang
Grant Wieland
Ryan Lang
Garret Wieland
Camden Lau

INURNMENT

Amsterdam Township Cemetery
Kanawha, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the service. Burial will follow the luncheon.

Cataldo
FUNERAL HOMES