



Margene Kooima, daughter of Adolph and Martha (Van Velzen) Eshuis, was born November 22, 1941, in Sioux Center, Iowa. She grew up in Sioux Center and graduated from Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa in 1959. On August 10, 1961, Marge was united in marriage to James Kooima at her mother's home. After marriage, Marge and Jim made their home in Rock Valley, Iowa and then they spent a short stint in Hull, Iowa where they welcomed their 5 children and eventually made their home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Marge started her medical career as a nurse's aide at Sioux Center Hospital. She then spent 25 years as the ward secretary at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls where she was known as "Marge in Charge." After retirement, Marge and Jim spent 14 years travelling and living in their camper before moving back to Rock Valley.

Marge's love for her family was unlimited. She loved spending time with all her kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. She loved her flowers, playing games, puzzles, and watching the Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Twins. Marge made beautiful afghan blankets for her family that will be treasured for years to come. Marge passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 84.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Jim; 5 children, Deb (late Evan "Chic") Van Ginkel of Rock Valley, Laura (Walt) De Vos of Savannah, Missouri, Brenda (Brad) De Bruin of Rock Valley, Karla (Chris) Krogmann of Sioux Falls, and Jim (Kristi) Kooima of Sioux Falls; 17 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild; and siblings-in-law, Dorothy Eshuis, Jim Driesen, Mary Koldenhoven, Bob Kooima, Faye (Clarence) Vande Stouwe, Gawin (Wanda) Kooima, Brian Kooima, and Irene Ter Wee.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents, Adolph and Martha Eshuis; parents-in-law, Gerrit (Bertha) (Nancy) Kooima; all 8 of her siblings, Alice (Bert) Vis, Jesse (Ben) Voetburg, Freida (Marian) De Haas, Adolph Eshuis, Anna Mae (Byron) Bruinsma, Henrietta Driesen, Geraldine (Ron) Koldenhoven, and Cornie (Shirley) (Gaylene) Eshuis; sisters-in-law, Kitty Kooima, Minerva (Henry) Ter Wee, and Kristi Kooima; son-in-law, Evan "Chic" Van Ginkel; and grandson-in-law, Christian Whitaker.

Remembering the Life of **Margene Kooima**

November 22, 1941 ~ January 6, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:00 AM, Monday, January 12, 2026
Faith Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Chris Van Beek

EULOGY

Aletha Erpenbach

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Till the Rivers All Run Dry"

Don Williams

"You're My Best Friend"

Don Williams

"One Day At a Time"

Christy Lane

"How Great Thou Art"

The Statler Brothers

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dustin De Vos ~ Travis Van Ginkel

Alex De Bruin ~ Eric De Bruin

Tyler De Bruin ~ Austin Krogmann

Caiden Krogmann ~ Logan Kooima

INURNMENT

(To be held at a later date)

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

Marge's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the Family Life Center immediately following the funeral service.

The Serenity Prayer

*God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change
the courage to change the things I can
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time.*

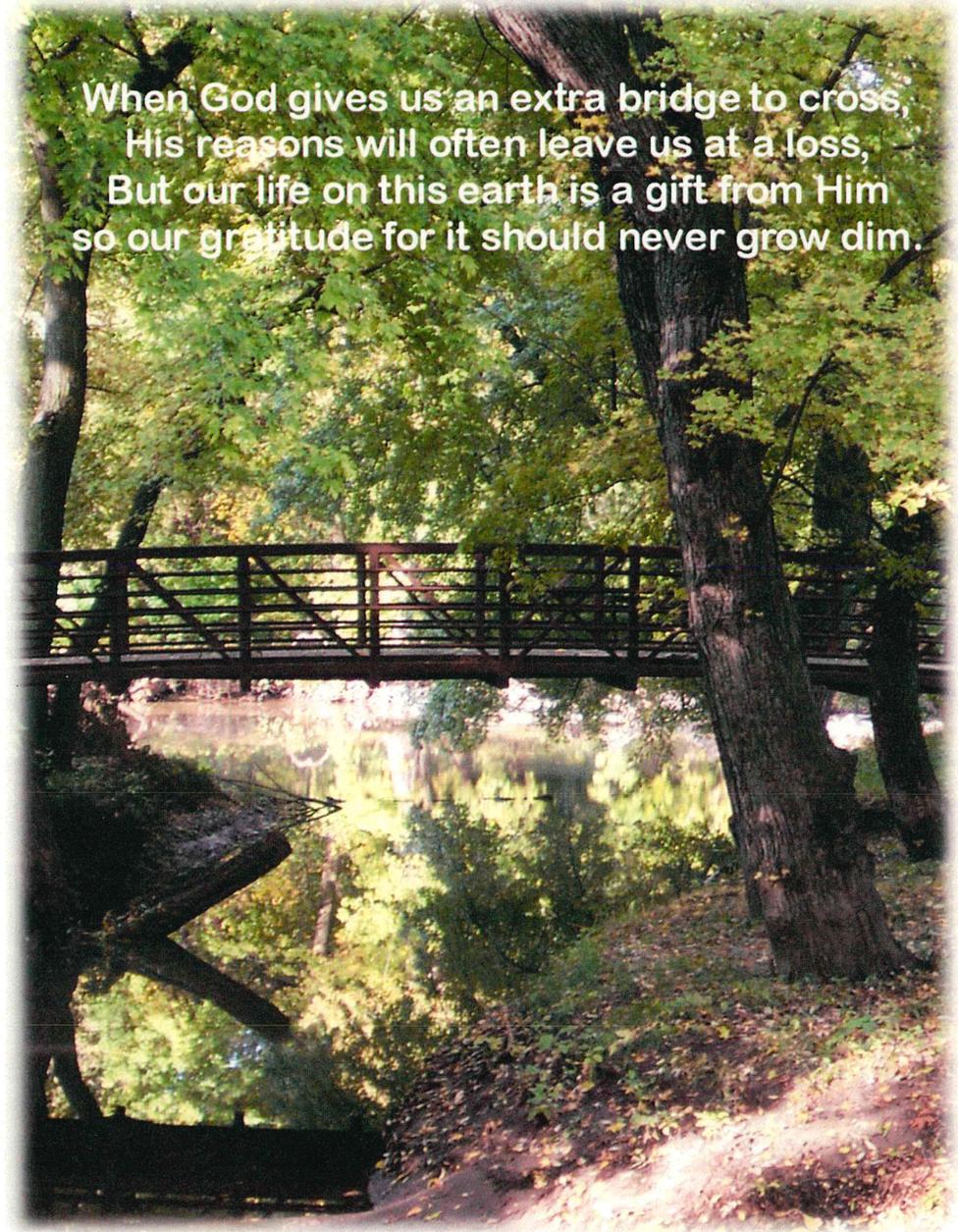
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.

*Taking, as he did, the sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it.*

*Trusting that he will make all things right
if I surrender to His will;*

*that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with Him forever.*

— Reinhold Niebuhr



When God gives us an extra bridge to cross,
His reasons will often leave us at a loss,
But our life on this earth is a gift from Him
so our gratitude for it should never grow dim.

IN LOVING MEMORY
MARGENE KOOIMA

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