



Wilmina “Willy” Dekkers was born February 12, 1943, to Pete and Grace (Haverhals) Dekkers at Hawarden, Iowa. Willy attended Eagle Township Country School, Lebanon Christian School, Western Christian High School, Dordt College and the University of Nebraska Omaha. She began her teaching career at Sully Christian Elementary School. She taught at Hope Haven and when Area IV began, she became the deaf

interpreter for numerous students, interpreting at Rock Valley Christian School, Rock Valley Community School, and Boyden Hull Elementary School. Willy also interpreted for students in wrestling and football, signed for Catechism Classes and church services for many years. She signed for several students’ weddings and funerals.

Willy traveled the world with her friend, Katie Haan. She went to Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Venezuela, Costa Rica, all over Europe several times, Alaska, and many parts of the USA. Willy was also the family photographer. Her camera went along to all family events. She cherished her nieces and nephews; they were so very special to her. Willy took great pleasure in her flower garden. When she could no longer care for her garden and entered the nursing home, a bouquet of flowers put a smile on her face.

Willy passed to her everlasting home on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley. She was 82 years old.

Left to cherish her memory are her five brothers, Pete (Dianna) Dekkers, Wayne (Edie) Dekkers, Lloyd (Bonnie) Dekkers, Harry (Pam) Dekkers, and Verlyn (Karel) Dekkers; sister, Toni Jansma; and her beloved nieces and nephews.

Willy was preceded in death by her parents, Pete and Grace Dekkers; two brothers-in-law, Henry Van Grootheest and Andrew Jansma; and nephew, Marlin Van Grootheest.

In Loving Memory
Wilmina “Willy” Dekkers
February 12, 1943 ~ February 23, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:30 PM, Thursday, February 27, 2025
Lebanon Christian Reformed Church
Lebanon, Iowa

OFFICIANTING

Steve Dekkers ~ Rev. Henry Lengkeek

EULOGY

Pete Dekkers

ACCOMPANIST

Toni Jansma

PIANO SELECTIONS

“It Is Well With My Soul”
“Hallelujah Chorus”

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“On Eagle’s Wings”
Ashley Dekkers ~ Kristen Dekkers ~ Alissa Richardson
“Find Us Faithful”
Matt Dekkers

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Amazing Grace”
“This Is My Father’s World”

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mark Jansma ~ Tom Jansma

PALLBEARERS

Scott Dekkers ~ Todd Dekkers ~ Jay Dekkers
Chris Dekkers ~ Travis Dekkers ~ Ryan Dekkers
Jim Dekkers ~ Jon Dekkers ~ Aaron Dekkers

INTERMENT

Lebanon Christian Reformed Church Cemetery
Lebanon, Iowa

Willy’s family invites everyone to the church basement for a time of food and fellowship following the committal service.

Eternal Color

*In spring, tree's leaves were merely buds
when everything was new.*

*They couldn't shade, nor hide a bird,
but every day they grew.*

*Now autumn's here, and leaves have turned
from summertime's full bloom.*

*They separate from branch, their home,
and snow will be their tomb.*

*How sad that when they're at their peak
it's time for them to go.*

*Yet, how colorful they made this world;
it was God's plan, I know.*

*Your life, too, was most beautiful;
how brightly shown your heart.*

*For now, my friend, you've joined the leaves,
and from us, did depart.*

*Separated from us on earth
you've joined the Lord above.*

*We'll miss you here, our dearest friend,
but glad you taught us love.*

LeeAnn Abell

