

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,

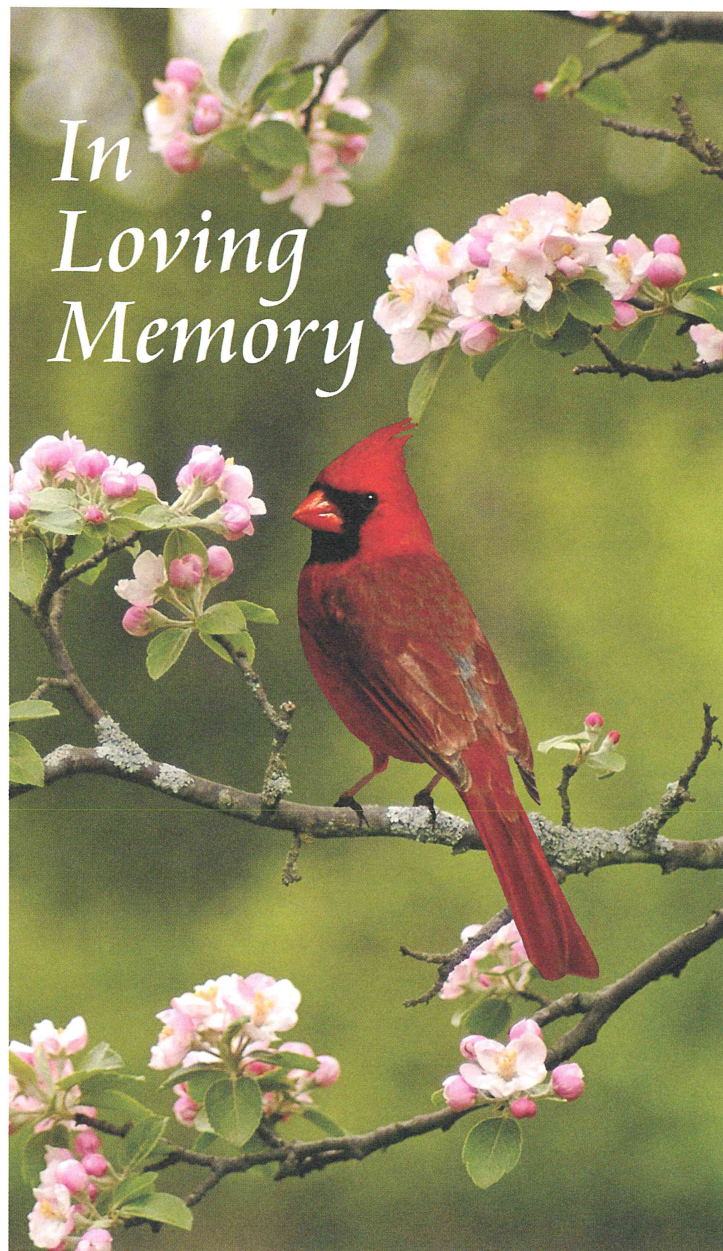
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun

Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall





Rita Elaine DeVaul, 79, of Inwood, Iowa, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

Rita was born on September 13, 1946, at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the daughter of Harold and Florence (Coyer) DeVaul. She graduated from West Lyon High School in

1964 and later attended Humboldt Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Throughout her life Rita held a variety of interesting employment that reflected her adventurous spirit. She worked for a dentist in Canton, South Dakota; handled airline reservations in Peoria, Illinois and New York City; was employed by Herman Miller in Atlanta, Georgia; bartended in San Juan, Puerto Rico; and worked as a file clerk in Sydney, Australia. Her later career included positions as a receptionist with Merrill Lynch and in Guest Relations for the Colorado Rockies.

Rita was an avid baseball fan who faithfully followed the Rockies, Yankees, and Twins. She loved to read and was an active member of the Inwood Library Book Club. She volunteered with Fellowship Village and served on the boards of both the Inwood Library and the Inwood Museum. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Rita enjoyed traveling and had the opportunity to see much of the world.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Florence (Coyer) DeVaul.

Rita is survived by her sister, Linda Renae DeVaul; Linda's husband, Steve Carr; and their son, Alexander Carr.

In Loving Memory
Rita Elaine DeVaul

September 13, 1946 ~ August 20, 2026

MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2026
Porter Funeral Home
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Pastor Kandi Anderson

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Morning Has Broken"
recorded by Cat Stevens
"Take Me Out To The Ballgame"

INURNMENT

(at a later date)
Richland Cemetery
Inwood, Iowa

Rita's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship following the service.