

In Loving Memory of
Colleen Cragoe



Funeral Service

Friday, February 27, 2026 - 10:30 AM
First Presbyterian Church - Luverne, Minnesota

Officiating - Rev. Dr. Steven Voris

Scripture Readings

Psalm 146
Revelation 4:8-11

Eulogy - Wendy Klemme

Organist - Diane Boyenga

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace" Hymn #649
"I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry" Hymn #488

Recorded Music

Piano solos as recorded by Colleen Cragoe
"In Christ Alone" as recorded by MercyMe

Casket Bearers

Austin Cragoe	Kylee Stinson	Amber Rost
Zachary Miller	Kamryn Wessels	Jordan Adams
Travis Adams	Paige Adams	Jacob Klemme
	Colton Klemme	

Interment

Maplewood Cemetery
Luverne, Minnesota

*Following the committal service, friends are invited to join the family
for food and fellowship back at the church.*



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February 12, 1938 - February 24, 2026

Together Once More

*She's gone from here, but not from love.
She walks with him in skies above.
Where time stands still and hearts don't part,
They're hand in hand, one soul, one heart.
The days of waiting now are through,
A love renewed, a life made new.
The years they shared, the life they knew,
Continue now and beyond the blue.
No longer bound by earthly pain,
Together once more, they smile again.
And though our hearts still ache today,
Their love will guide us on our way.*



Colleen Kay Cragoe was born February 12, 1938, to Arthur and Grayce (Little) Rust on a farm in Westside Township, Nobles County, Minnesota. She was raised on the farm with three brothers and two sisters and attended country school for two years. She began school in Magnolia, Minnesota during her third-grade year and graduated from Magnolia High School in 1955. She then took a job with Nox Laboratories on Main Street in Luverne, Minnesota. On March 23, 1956, Colleen married her high school sweetheart, Eugene "Gene" Cragoe at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. The couple rented a farm two miles north of Magnolia and began raising their family. They were blessed with one son and three daughters. In 1971, Gene and Colleen moved to the farm east of Hardwick, Minnesota where they stayed until 1996 when they moved to Luverne. When the kids were grown, Colleen enrolled at Worthington Community College in Worthington, Minnesota where she earned her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne for 18 years before retiring. On Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Colleen died at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth, Minnesota at the age of 88 years, and 12 days.

Colleen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne where she played many roles including deacon and elder and was also involved in Circle and Anchor Group. Colleen played the organ at church for much of her lifetime, first at the age of 15 at Ellsworth Presbyterian Church and then in 1956 she began playing organ and piano at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. She shared her musical gift with the community until her eyesight prevented her from continuing. Throughout the years, Colleen was proud to have played for many church services, weddings and funerals. She was actively involved in her children's 4-H and school activities. Colleen was a constant companion to Gene on the farm and always had a meal or baked goods for anyone who showed up on the farm. Gene and Colleen enjoyed camping at Lake Shetek, wintering in Arizona, tending to the farm and being active in their children's lives. She later continued the love of her family by being involved in her grandchildren's and great grandchildren's lives.

Colleen is survived by her three daughters, Pamela (Doug) Miller of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Peggy (Scott) Adams of Luverne, and Wendy (Kent) Klemme of Apex, North Carolina; daughter-in-law, Kameo Cragoe of Ottumwa, Iowa; 10 grandchildren, Austin (Jill) Cragoe of Sioux Falls, Kylee (Jake) Stinson of Ottumwa, Amber (Corey) Rost of Madison, South Dakota, Zachary Miller of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Kamryn (Zach) Wessels of Sioux Falls, Jordan Adams of Sioux Falls, Travis Adams of Minneapolis, Paige Adams of Sioux Falls, Jacob (Samantha) Klemme of Buckley, Washington, and Colton Klemme of Sioux Falls; 8 great-grandchildren, Shayla Rost, Raena Rost, Jersie Cragoe, Harper Cragoe and Sydney Cragoe, Beauden Klemme, Jesse Klemme, and Jackson Stinson; brother, Donald (Arless) Rust of Buffalo, New York; sister, Jeanne Woodley of Luverne; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene "Gene" Cragoe; son, Randall Cragoe; parents; three siblings, Patricia Roberts, Keith Rust, and Albert "Bud" Rust; and infant great-grandson, Asher Klemme.