

Peace in Christ

He gives us *hope*
when hope is gone.
He gives us *strength*
when we can't go on.
He gives us *shelter*
in the storms of life.
When there's no *peace* on earth,
there is peace *in Christ.*

Celebrating the Life of



Maxine D. Kumsher

January 22, 1944 – October 4, 2026

Maxine Kumsher, 82, of Britt, passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at Westview Care Center in Britt.

Maxine Dolores Sobek was born on January 22, 1944, in Corwith, Iowa, to George and Anna (Havlik) Sobek. She graduated from Ventura High School in 1962. Maxine worked at the Clear Lake Bakery and later as a clerk at Waverly Electric Company. She met Ray Kumsher at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, and they were married on September 18, 1965, at St. John's Lutheran Church east of Garner. Together, they farmed southeast of Britt and raised three sons: Chris, Paul, and Ted. Maxine worked as a dedicated custodian for both Hancock County Memorial Hospital and Britt Evangelical Free Church for a countless number of years along with various other positions. She was known for her baking – including her famous apple pies; gardening; and love for being a grandmother, cherished by her grandchildren as "Grandma Dee."

She was an active member of Britt Evangelical Free Church, where she filled many roles in the children's ministry, including Vacation Bible School, welcoming and registering children of all ages. She taught Kindergarten Sunday School for many years, retiring for some time until her grandchildren were of age and resumed teaching. She also served as an AWANA listener for decades. She maintained special relationships with many of those students to this day. Maxine also dedicated herself to FCWM, Women's Christian Ministry, where she participated in many missions projects.

Maxine is survived by her husband, Raymond; her sons, Chris (Nancy) Kumsher of Shakopee, MN, Paul (Cindy) Kumsher of Britt, and Ted (Avery) Kumsher of Ames; her grandchildren, Madolyn Kumsher, Isabelle Kumsher (fiancé Connor Kratzke), Emma Kumsher, Ana Dee (TJ) Lathrop and their daughter Charlie and son Louie, Rachel (Jacob) Hayworth and their two sons, Eddie and George, Maxwell (Callie) Kumsher, Eva Kumsher, and Ian Kumsher; her brother, Daniel (Phyllis) Sobek of Mason City; her favorite sister, Margie Ellgen of Kansas City, MO; her brother-in-law, Bob (Patty) Kumsher; sisters-in-law, Jeanette (Dick) Whitehurst, Verna Kendall, Betty Lou (Bill) Reibsamen and Mae Kumsher; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers-in-law, Sam Kendall and Eddie Kumsher; her nephew, Eric Ellgen; and by her niece, Karen Sobek.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Britt Evangelical Free Church children's ministry.

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FUNERAL SERVICE
Britt Evangelical Free Church
10:30 am, Wednesday, October 7, 2026

OFFICIATING
Pastor Michael Foose

MUSIC
Connie Swanson, Pianist
Congregational Hymns
Paul and Max Kumsher, Song Leaders
"I Can Only Imagine"
"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"
"Amazing Grace"

USHER
Dwight Anderson

CASKET BEARERS
Chris Kumsher
Ted Kumsher
Max Kumsher
Paul Kumsher
Ian Kumsher
TJ Lathrop
Jacob Hayworth

PRIVATE INURNMENT
Evergreen Cemetery
Britt, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service.

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