

Marjorie Ann Lems was born April 7, 1936, in Sioux Center, Iowa, the daughter of Jacob and Bessie (Bleyenbergh) Harskamp. She graduated from Sioux Center High School. Marge married James Van Kekerix on March 7, 1956, in Rock Valley. They made their home on a farm northwest of Rock Valley and had two sons, Andrew and Paul. James passed away suddenly on January 3, 1965.

Marge later married Bert Lems on November 8, 1967, in Inwood. They made their home on the Lems farm just east of Beloit, Iowa. Bert passed away on July 15, 2020. The past 8 years Marge lived at Canton Hiawatha Heights, Whispering Heights in Rock Valley, the Bethany Home in Brandon, South Dakota and the last 3 years at Fellowship Village in Inwood, where she passed away on Monday, September 7, 2026, at the age of 90. She suffered from dementia but still enjoyed having company. The family would like to thank all of the care centers for the wonderful care Marge received over the years.

Marge was a member of the Inwood Christian Reformed Church and loved to cook and bake, and she kept a very clean house. She had a large doll collection, and she enjoyed walking, having coffee with friends, shopping, and getting her hair fixed every Friday. Marge loved Sunday meals with her family and making cut-out cookies, especially decorated for the holidays.

Survivors include her children, Dale (Amy) Lems, Emma (Mike) Newborg, Andy (Rhonda) Van Kekerix, and Bert's son, Donald (Lori) Lems; daughter-in-law, Linda Van Kekerix; grandchildren, Bryan (Jodi) Lems, Kari (Joel) Kraayenbrink, Alan (Alyssa) Newborg, Katie (Trevor) Thill, Erika (Dallas) Rozeboom, Jake (Lindsey) Newborg, Maddisan Bonin, Dellaney (Alec) Bonin, Bayler Lems, and their families, Jim, Jennifer, and Joel Van Kekerix and families, Ross, Bobbi Jo, and Mandy Van Kekerix and their families; also surviving are several great-grandchildren and other families of the Lems, Van Kekerix, and Harskamp families.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Bessie; husbands, James and Bert; son, Paul Van Kekerix; and granddaughter, Haddley Lems.

Remembering the Life of
Marjorie Ann Lems

April 7, 1936 ~ September 7, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Friday, September 11, 2026
Porter Funeral Home
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Rob Horstman
Inwood First Reformed Church
Inwood, Iowa

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
Chris Tomlin
"Counting My Blessings"
Matt Maher & Saph Schlueter

PALLBEARERS

Bryan Lems ~ Bayler Lems
Alan Newborg ~ Jake Newborg
Ross Van Kekerix ~ Jim Van Kekerix

MEMORIAL

Fellowship Village
Inwood, Iowa

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Marge's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship
at The Lunch House, 1129 Main St Ste 106, Rock Valley,
following the committal service at the cemetery.*

In Loving Memory

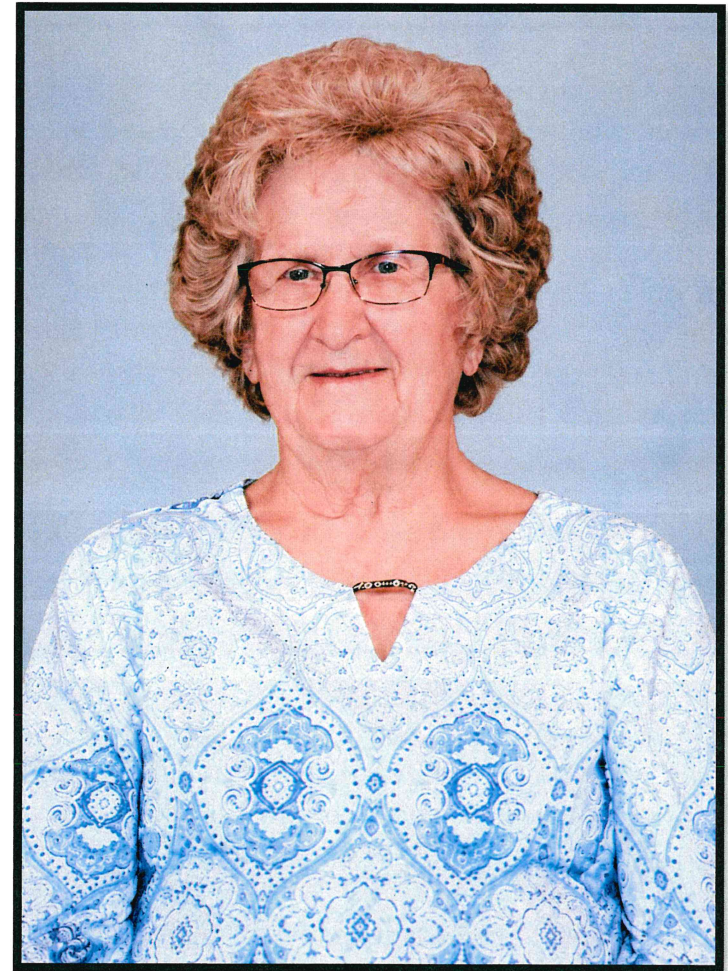


Christmas (Roll out) Sugar Cookies

*1 1/2 cups of butter
2 cups of sugar
2 eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla
4 cups of flour
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon soda
Cream butter, sugar and eggs
well. Add vanilla. Sift flour*

*cream of tartar and soda, add to
butter mixture. Roll out, cut and
bake in 350 oven 10-12 minute
use 1/2 powdered sugar and flour when
rolling out on your rolling pin and
board.*

*Frost with powdered sugar frosting
and your favorite decorations*



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