



Gerri Reinke, daughter of Jan “John” and Maria (Timmer) Van Olst, was born February 15, 1936, at Hierden, the Netherlands. Gerri immigrated from the Netherlands to Sheldon, Iowa in 1954. She worked in a nursing home in Sibley, Iowa. In 1959, she moved to Rock Valley, Iowa and worked in her father’s bakery until she and her husband (Richard Loveless) bought the bowling alley. Gerri

was famous for the soups she made in addition to the normal items found in a café. Area salesmen, as well as locals, planned lunches around stopping by the bowling alley for a burger and a bowl of soup. Following the sale of the bowling alley she worked at Kooima Manufacturing for a short while. Her work there allowed her to develop her arm muscles to a point that allowed her to regularly beat her teenage son in arm wrestling. Gerri went back to the bowling alley to work a couple of years until she married Raymond Reinke. This allowed her to retire and take care of her mother and ultimately Ray when he encountered some medical issues. Ray passed away May 8, 2012. Gerri later moved to Whispering Heights in Rock Valley where she passed away on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at the age of 89.

Gerri is survived by her son John (Cindy) Loveless of Henderson, Nevada; stepson, David (Deb) Reinke of Rock Valley; 6 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, John Van Olst; and sisters, Eileen DeJong, Gertrude (Dennis) Overweg, and Lucy Ymker.

She was preceded in death by his parents; husband, Raymond; brother, Lambert Van Olst; sister, Maria (Daryl) Addink; brothers-in-law, Fred Ymker and Charlie DeJong; and sisters-in-law, Marita (Van Olst) Rotella and Wympje Gertrude Van Olst.

In Loving Memory

Gerri Reinke

February 15, 1936 ~ June 5, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM, Saturday, June 14, 2025
First Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Cliff Hoekstra

PIANIST

Madelyn Vander Heul

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“The Old Rugged Cross”

“How Great Thou Art”

“Amazing Grace”

PALLBEARERS

Jonathan Loveless ~ Leroy Stuerman
Rick Overweg ~ Robert Overweg
Fred Ymker ~ Mark Addink

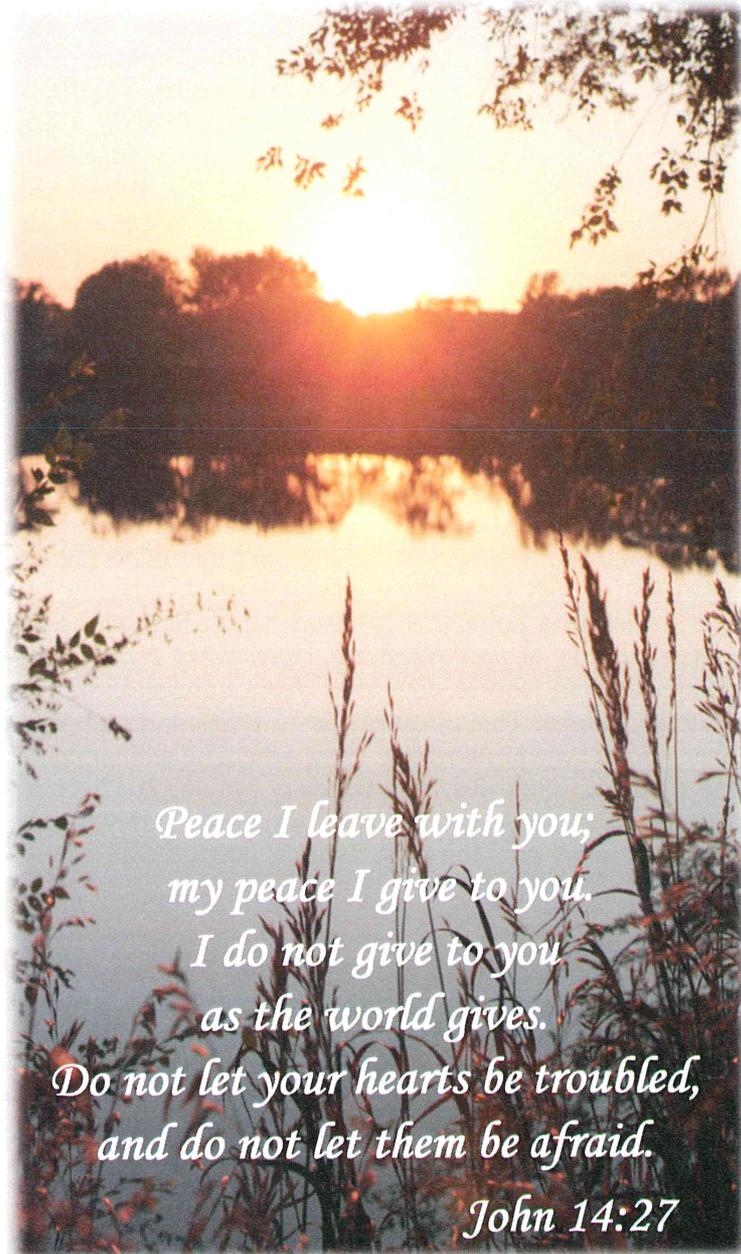
INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Gerri’s family would like to invite everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.

23rd Psalm

THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*: I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
He leadeth me BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
for His names sake.
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, *I will fear no evil:*
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND
THY STAFF *they comfort me.*
THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE
PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL:
my cup runneth over.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL
DWELL IN THE *house of the Lord forever.*



*Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you
as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.*

John 14:27