When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile
Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day
Then forget to grieve for my going
I would not have you sad for a day
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay
And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best

Mrs. Lyman Hancock

PORTER FUNERAL HOMES



Genee Lou Van Wyk

June 5, 1946
September 28, 2026

Genee Lou Van Wyk was born to Rev. Harold and Thelma (Savereide) Sieglaff on June 5, 1946. She was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, while her parents were serving as missionaries in Ethiopia.

Genee went to high school and graduated from West Sioux in 1964. From there she went on to acquire a degree to be a lab and x-ray technician from Minneapolis Institute. And in later years, she went back to school at NCC in Sheldon to get her degree in nursing.

She married Gerald Van Wyk on April 10, 1965, and had 61 amazing years of adventure. They had three children, Gayle, Genelle, and Gregg. Genee began as a lab and x-ray tech at the Hawarden Hospital. She later worked as an RN and the hospital, clinic, and nursing home in Akron, Iowa and the Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. During the winters she also worked at the Banner Health Hospital in Mesa, Arizonia.

Genee had many hobbies which includes reading, sewing and quilting, making yarn hangers, and her favorite being shopping. She was extremely proud of their home in Arizona and being able to winter there with Gerald. She passed away on Monday, September 28, 2026, at Friendly Horizons in Sioux Center, Iowa at the age of 80 years.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald; children, Gayle (Todd) Coulander, Genelle (Matt) Fuks, and Gregg (special friend, Hannah) Van Wyk; grandchildren, Christina, Adriana, Coleton, Alyssa, Shaela, Jadon, Logan, and Alexa; five great-grandchildren, Theodore, Ashtyn, Henry, Drexton, and Casen; in-laws, Diane (Denny) Ten Napel, Betty Van Wyk, Stan (Lynette) Van Wyk, and Deb (Ernie) Gabel; and many nieces and nephews.

Genee was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Thelma Sieglaff; brother, Harold Paul Sieglaff; parents-in-law, Dick and Alice Van Wyk; brother-in-law, John D. Van Wyk; and nephews, Kenny Van Wyk and Adam Gabel.

In Loving Memory Of

Genee Lou VanWyk

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Friday, October 2, 2026
Associated Church
Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Jean Layton

ORGANIST

Julie Hummel

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"In The Garden"
"Amazing Grace"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

CASKET BEARERS

Johnny Van Wyk ~ Pat Van Wyk
Tristan Van Wyk ~ Logan Van Wyk
Coleton Avery ~ Jadon Micke

INTERMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery
Hawarden, Iowa

Please join Genee's family for lunch and fellowship in the church basement following the committal service.