

Janet Anderson, age 72, of Laurens, Iowa formerly of Marathon, Iowa died Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the Pocahontas Community Hospital in Pocahontas.

Janet Marie Nation was born May 7, 1942 in Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of Raymond and Clarice (Johnson) Nation.

Janet grew up in the Thor, Goldfield, and Corning, Iowa areas until her family relocated to Marathon, where she completed her education at Marathon High School, graduating in 1960.

Janet was raised in the Lutheran Faith and was baptized in the Lutheran church in Thor. She received her confirmation at the Presbyterian church in Corning.

Shortly after high school, Janet married Gaylon Anderson on June 26, 1960 at Grace Lutheran Church in Marathon. Together they were blessed with two children: Kelly Gene and Kurtis Ray.

Janet was very active in her community. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Marathon, participated in numerous Bible study groups, and was an active member of the Tuesday Study Club. She also was a member of the Kraft Club serving as the vice-president, secretary, and treasurer over the years.

Janet shared her musical talents by singing in the Marathon Trio for thirty years with Sheryl Anderson and Caryl Dukes. Janet enjoyed bicycling, including two years of RAGRRAL. Janet enjoyed being a part of a square dancing club, the In-B-Tweeners, and was a leader of the Youth in Christ. She also participated for over 27 years in many research projects focused on diabetes and Huntington's disease at Mayo Clinic.

Even in her final hours, Janet encouraged, prayed with, and loved others. As the Holy Spirit lived in her, she served like her Savior.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Gaylon Anderson of Laurens, Iowa; children: Kelly (Sally) Anderson of Estherville, Iowa; Kurt (Cindy) Anderson of Mixbury, United Kingdom; grandchildren: Nathen (Kim) Anderson of Tipton, Iowa; Derek Anderson of Estherville, Iowa; Nick (Anabel) Anderson of Urbandale, Iowa; John (Rachel) Anderson of Ankeny, Iowa; Jessica (Jarred) Pohlman of Estherville, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Deakon Anderson, Ayrwen Anderson, Liana Anderson, Ava Pohlman, Jorden Anderson; brother, Lee (Eileen) Nation of Spirit Lake, Iowa; three sisters: Sheryl (Larry) Anderson of Spencer, Iowa; Mary (Roger) Bender of Wilton, Iowa; and Candice (Gary) Moore of Mason City, Iowa; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and many friends.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law: Nick (Jeanette) Anderson; brother, Jeff Nation; brother-in-law, Myron Anderson; great-granddaughter, Gracie Elizabeth Hansen.

In Loving Memory



Janet Marie Anderson

1942 — 2014

Her Husband

He was Her Husband of 54 years

Thru lots of joy and many tears.

God had a plan when He gave him Janet

God knew he was the best on the planet!

He was her knight in shining armor

By day he was Her Husband farmer.

He saw her thru the good and the bad

A better caregiver she couldn't have had.

The last few years have been pretty rough

But Her Husband hung in there mighty tough.

Who made her egg coffee every morning?

Took care of her needs so adorning.

How many trips to Rochester they had

When things with Janet were going bad.

God made sure Her Husband stayed strong

As he never knew when things would go wrong

Now her journey has ended and her war with pain

And Her Husband's efforts were not in vain.

With peace she closes this chapter of her life

With Her Husband of 54 years as his wife.

By: Sheryl Anderson

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the community center immediately following the service.

— **The Family of Janet Anderson**

IN MEMORY OF Janet Marie Anderson

May 7, 1942 — October 14, 2014

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, October 17, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.
Marathon Community Center
Marathon, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Morris Hurd
Reverend Bernie Colorado
Reverend Gordon Vickery

PIANIST

Robin Roewe

DUET

Ken & Deb Ehlers
Accompanied by Eloise Obman
"It Is Finished"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kurt, Nick, & John Anderson
Robin Roewe
"All The Way My Savior Leads Me"
"I Was There In Your Borning Day"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"I Surrender All"
"It Is Well"
"My Tribute"

CASKET BEARERS

Nathen Anderson, Nicholas Anderson, Jessica Pohlman
Derek Anderson, John Anderson, Emily Swalve

INTERMENT

At a later date.
Poland Township Cemetery
Marathon, Iowa

Arrangements by

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