

Janice Peterson, age 78, of Laurens, Iowa died Thursday, June 25, 2015 at the Laurens Care Center in Laurens, Iowa.

Janice Anne Newgard, the daughter of Allen and Doris (Miller) Newgard was born in Sioux Rapids, Iowa, on June 10, 1937. She lived her youth in the Sioux Rapids and Cornell vicinity graduating from the Cornell High School.

Following graduation, Janice was employed at the Simonsen Iron Works in Sioux Rapids. She later moved to Spencer, Iowa, where she worked at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Office.

On September 18, 1957, Janice was united in marriage to Marshall Peterson in Jackson, Minnesota. Janice and Marshall met when she was five years old and he was nine years old. The couple was blessed with four children: Becky, Jerry, Laurie, and Jeff. Following their marriage, they lived in Spencer until 1965, when they moved to Marshall's childhood family farm near Laurens where they have resided since.

Jan was a devoted housewife and mother, helping Marshall with the farm work, and being a loving and caring mother to their children, helping them with 4-H projects, teaching them how to sew, play piano, and how to have fun while learning a good work ethic. Her family will never forget her sense of humor. Jan was a member of the Albert City softball league, and enjoyed her hobbies of reading, sewing, and baking.

She was a longtime faithful member of the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City where she taught Bible School, sang in the church choir, and served on the Alter Guild for many years.

Janice and Marshall had a true love story.

Jan's life will always be honored, cherished, and celebrated by her family which include her husband of 57 years, Marshall Peterson of Laurens, Iowa; children: Becky (Steve) Orwig of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Jerry Peterson of Iroquois, Illinois; Laurie (Brett) Simonsen of Norfolk, Nebraska; Jeff (Ruby) Peterson of Albert City, Iowa; grandchildren: Nick (Bobbi) Heppner, Tabitha (Dallas, Jr.) Heckens, Jessica Peterson, Alecia Simonsen, Scott Simonsen, Mariah Marquardt-Orwig, and Amber Simonsen; great grandchildren: Emma Kuchar, Layne Heppner, Owen Heppner, Corbin Heckens, Averie Heppner, Eben Heckens, Wren Heppner, and "Baby" Heckens, two sisters: Delores Hogrefe of Rogers, Arkansas; and Norma (Clifford) Gerke of Newell, Iowa; other extended family and many friends.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents, and one great grandchild.

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 church immediately following the service.

— **The Family of Janice Peterson**

In Loving Memory



Janice A. Peterson

1937 — 2015



As Sleep Eludes Me
Becky Orwig

As sleep eludes me,
I wonder if you too are awake
Or if you're peacefully sleeping.
Are you comfortable?
Warm or cool enough?

Are a multitude of thoughts racing through your mind,
As through mine right now.

As sleep eludes me,
I reflect back in time,
Times I had apparently buried.
Good times like Woodcliff dances,
Hanging socks on the fence in the backyard,
While you hung clothes on the line.
Walking beans, baling hay, picking up rock.
Saturday mornings doing assigned chores.
The occasional Ice cream treats at the drive-in,
While going for a ride on a summers night to cool off.

As sleep eludes me,
I wonder if you know how much it pains me
The grief and disappointment I caused while I was
Trying to find me and establish my spot in this crazy world.
Lord only knows I was far from perfect,
And no amount of I'm sorry or I love you will repair it.
And for that I am incredibly remorseful.

As sleep eludes me,
I wonder if you know how thankful I am for all you have given
Unselfishly to me and our families.
Lessons in teamwork, compassion, laughs, and love.
You bandaged our wounds the best you could,
Physically, mentally, and emotionally.
The good time hanging kitchen wallpaper
(the way we made it a workout)
Coming to stay when the kids were born.

As sleep eludes me,
I wonder if you realize how much I truly love you.
How I cherish our laughs over the silly things.
Do you know how I am grateful for all the good times?
Sunday's listening to polka music!
Ohmygoodness and ALL the help with 4-H projects!!
I wonder if you understand how influential
You were in my religious upbringing.

As sleep eludes me,
I Will Always Love You,
I Cherish You,
I Thank God for you!!



IN MEMORY OF

Janice Anne Peterson

June 10, 1937 — June 25, 2015

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church — Albert City, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Tonna Parsons

PIANIST

Joanne Anderson

SOLOIST

Jeri Wenell

"Does Jesus Care"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"How Great Thou Art"

CASKET BEARERS

Nick Heppner, Mariah Marquardt-Orwig, Jessica Peterson

Alecia Simonsen, Scott Simonsen, Brice Wenell

INTERMENT

Lone Tree Cemetery — Sioux Rapids, Iowa

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