



Velma Auen, age 94, of Albert City, Iowa died on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the Pocahontas Community Hospital in Pocahontas, Iowa.

Velma was born April 21, 1925 in Carnavon, Iowa to Henry and Margaret Voss Frank. She attended Rural School Viola #1 and graduated May 27, 1938. Unable to attend high school due to her mothers' health, she later worked as a waitress at the Frozen Frontier in Lake View for several years until she got married. On November 15, 1953, she married Arthur R. Auen at Peace Lutheran Church, Wall Lake. Velma and Art moved to a farm in Pocahontas, Iowa, in 1954. They farmed for 13 years before moving to Albert City. Velma had a large garden and canned during the summer. She was a homemaker until their 5 children went to school. She obtained her GED from Iowa Central, in Fort Dodge in 1977. She started working at North West Aging of Spencer, Iowa. She worked at Newell Good Samaritan in 1981 as a cook before retiring in 1995. Velma did a lot of work for the Senior Center and belonged to card clubs as she loved playing cards. Velma attended St. John's Lutheran Church.

Velma is survived by her 4 children; Craig Auen of Albert City, IA, Marlene Kuhn of Connersville, IN, Elaine Fisher and her husband, Robert of Fort Dodge, IA, and Marilyn Ball and Cesar Chapa of Lewisville, TX. Her grandchildren Michael Kuhn and his wife Kari, Matthew Kuhn, Cory Fisher, and Elizabeth Heuer. Her great grandchildren Robert Kuhn and Dylan Kuhn; sisters-in-law, Irene Goodlaxson, Betty Graber, and Norma Frank.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Margaret Frank, Husband Arthur Robert Auen, in laws Ella and Art Auen, her daughter, Beverly Heuer, her Grandson, Steven Fisher, sister, Ila Oxendale, brother, Ernest (Chuck) Frank, brother in laws, John Oxendale, Marvin Auen, Dean Goodlaxson and Richard Graber.

#### **BACKDOOR NEIGHBORS**

*We're backdoor neighbors, you and I.  
We've watched the marching years go by,  
Held little sessions o'er the fence  
When life was getting strained and tense,  
Talked over problems and our fears,  
Shared happiness throughout the years.  
We've shared each other's ups and downs,  
Admired hats and new spring gowns,  
Settled the nation's big affairs,  
Joined hands in small heartbroken prayers,  
Loved, laughed, and sorrowed  
down the years,  
Companioned by our joy and tears.  
I do not know what I would do  
Without my backdoor neighbor — you.*

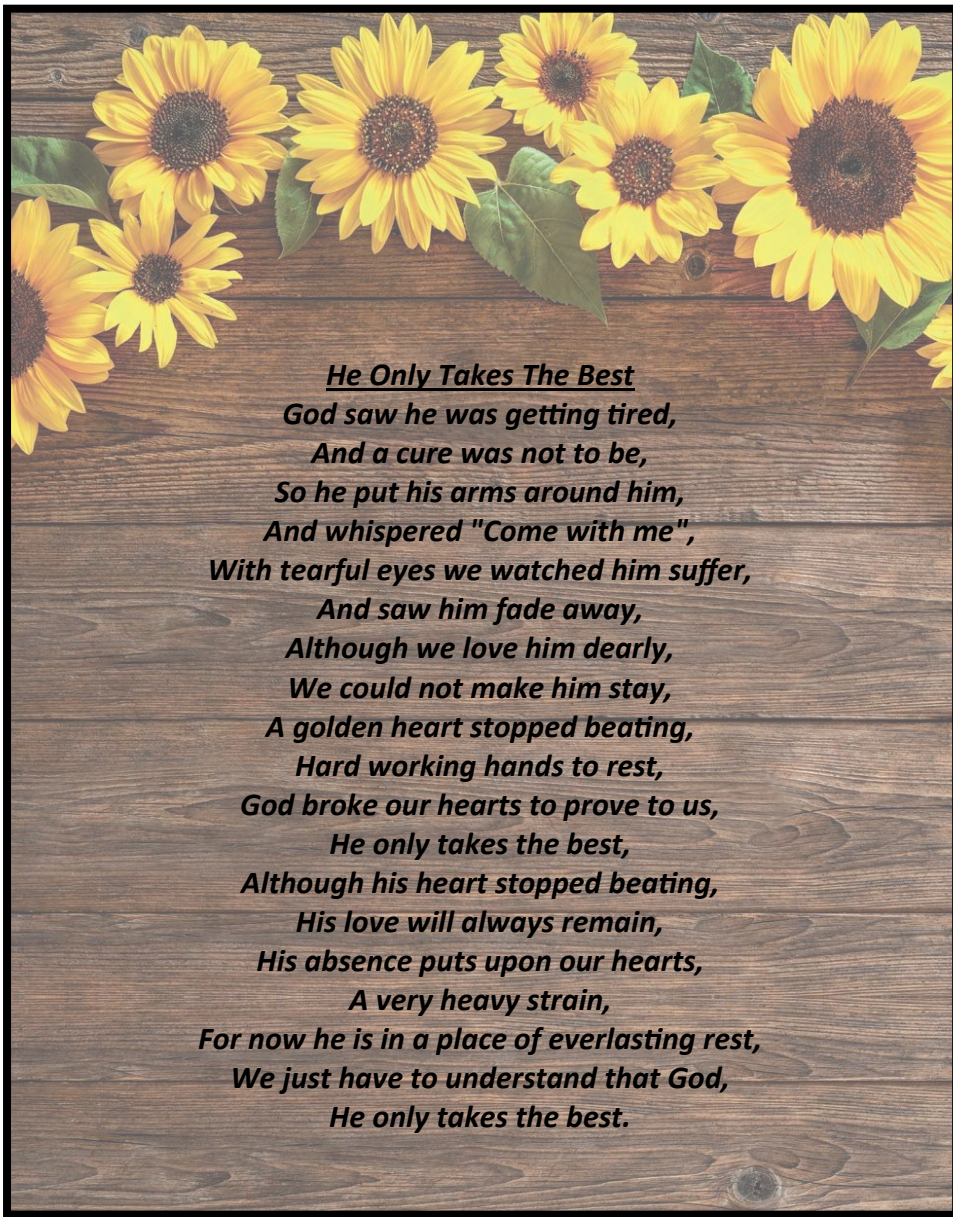
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## **In Loving Memory**



**Velma M. Auen**

**1925 — 2020**



*He Only Takes The Best  
God saw he was getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be,  
So he put his arms around him,  
And whispered "Come with me",  
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer,  
And saw him fade away,  
Although we love him dearly,  
We could not make him stay,  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best,  
Although his heart stopped beating,  
His love will always remain,  
His absence puts upon our hearts,  
A very heavy strain,  
For now he is in a place of everlasting rest,  
We just have to understand that God,  
He only takes the best.*

**W**e 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 burial.

— The Family of Velma M. Auen

## IN MEMORY OF

**Velma M. Auen**

April 21, 1925 — January 12, 2020

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, January 16, 2020 — 11:00 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church  
rural Albert City, Iowa

### CLERGY

Pastor John Mayer

### ORGANIST

Margit Behrens

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"How Great Thou Art"

"In The Garden"

### HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Michael Rebhuhn, Lynn Johnson, Steve Rebhuhn  
Jeff Boettcher, Scott Darrow

### CASKET BEARERS

Matt Kuhn, Mike Kuhn, Dylan Kuhn  
Robert Kuhn, Terry Oxendale, Cory Fisher

### INTERMENT

St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery  
rural Albert City, Iowa

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