

Denise Sassman, age 71, of Orange City, Iowa formerly of Alta, Iowa died on Friday, March 12, 2021 at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City.

Denise Elizabeth Sassman was born November 4, 1949 in Albert City, Iowa to Roy and Verva (Hemm) Carlson. She was raised on a farm near Albert City with her siblings and began her walk of faith at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City. Denise graduated from Albert City High School in 1967.

On June 30, 1967, Denise was married to Steve Sassman in Albert City. They started their family in Storm Lake raising three boys: Mike, Todd and Troy. In 1975 they moved to Alta and were active members of the Alta Church of Christ, where Denise helped establish their preschool program. In later years she and Steve were active members of Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta.

Denise's early career was as a full-time mom. She began working at Sernett's when the boys entered school and later transitioned to a career in insurance, first with Farm Bureau of Iowa and later opening the Denise Sassman Insurance Agency, which she operated in Storm Lake until her retirement in 2015.

Denise was involved in her community, as a volunteer with Faith, Hope & Charity while the family lived in Storm Lake and as an active participant in the Tea Party Movement. She also enjoyed socializing with her Red Hat Society ladies and their fellowship group at Summit. A favorite pastime was going to area car shows with Steve in their 1950 Plymouth. Time spent with her kids and grandchildren was cherished most of all.

Denise's life, love and legacy is honored and cherished by her sons: Mike (Linda) Sassman of Sioux Center, Iowa; Todd (Donette) Sassman of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; and Troy (Robin) Sassman of Boone, Iowa; her grandchildren: Zachary, Joshua, Lyndsay, and Aaron Sassman; Caleb, Gabriel, and Elizabeth Sassman; Alaina and Olivia Sassman; her step grandchildren: Sarah (Cory) Nibbelink, Ethan and Katie Movick; two step-grandchildren: Eli and Alyssa Nibbelink; two brothers: Delmar Carlson of Albert City, Iowa, Doyle Carlson of Naples, Utah; two sisters: Deb Travis of Mallard, Iowa, Darla Vonnahme of Algona, Iowa; nieces, nephews; other extended family and my friends.

Denise was preceded in death by her husband Steve; parents: Roy and Verva Carlson; and one infant sister: Darlys Carlson.

In Loving Memory



Denise E. Sassman

1949 — 2021

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and
a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and
a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

— *The Family of Denise E. Sassman*

IN MEMORY OF Denise E. Sassman

November 4, 1949 — March 12, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 — 11:00 a.m.

Summit Evangelical Church

Alta, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Doug Corlew

SPECIAL MUSIC

Summit Worship Team

“O Praise The Name”

“10,000 Reasons”

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Elizabeth Sassman, Gabriel Sassman, Lyndsay Sassman

CASKET BEARERS

Caleb Sassman, Zachary Sassman, Aaron Sassman

Joshua Sassman, Olivia Sassman, Alaina Sassman

INTERMENT

Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery

Storm Lake, Iowa

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