

Bonnie J. Falkena, age 82, of Albert City, Iowa died on Saturday, December 25, 2021 at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, following a car accident.

Bonnie Jean Uthe, the daughter of Harold and Roberta (Marple) Uthe was born on August 26, 1939 at Fairfield, Iowa. She lived her youth in various towns in Iowa and graduated from Sheldon High School.

Bonnie was united in marriage to Abe J. Falkena on February 17, 1960 at Sibley, Iowa. This union was blessed with four children: Pamela, Jeffrey, Kathryn, and Debra. Following their marriage, Bonnie and Abe resided at Inwood, Iowa for one year and then moved to Ireton, Iowa where they were engaged in farming for 12 years. In 1972, the Falkenas came to make their home near Marathon, Iowa where Bonnie was a homemaker and cook at Pleasant View nursing home. They moved into the town of Albert City in 1996.

Bonnie was a member of the Marathon United Methodist Church where she participated in Circle groups and a member of the Lions Club. Special interests of Bonnie's included crocheting, sewing, cross-stitching, reading and baking. She was known for her angel food cakes and cinnamon rolls. Each of her children and grandchildren received a crocheted afghan from her and her great-grandchildren each received a crocheted baby afghan. Family was important to Bonnie and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Her life will always be honored and cherished by her family, which includes her children: Pam (Gary) DeWall of Scranton, Iowa; Jeff (Deb) Falkena of Albert City, Iowa; Kathy (Dan) Josephson of Albert City, Iowa; Deb (Steve) Russell of Cambridge, Iowa; her grandchildren: Ryan (Jasmine) Murphy, Chris (Angie) Murphy; Keri (Chris) Taylor; Amy (Jason) Sawvell; Matt (Danielle) Falkena, Brian (Megan) Josephson; Becky (Reed) Josephson; Kayla (Samanda) Nunnery; Nathan Russell; Anna (Austin) Russell; Amanda Russell; 14 great-grandchildren; sister: Shari Anderson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and other extended family and friends.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Abe; her parents: Harold and Roberta Uthe; and nephew: Douglas.

In Loving Memory



Bonnie J. Falkena

1939 — 2021

"My First Christmas In Heaven"

I see the countless Christmas Trees around the world below,
with tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up
here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart,
but I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear,
and be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.
I send you each a memory of, my undying love.
After all "LOVE" is a gift, more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,
for I can't count the blessing or love he has for each of you.
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

IN MEMORY OF

Bonnie J. Falkena

August 26, 1939 — December 25, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Marathon, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Kiboko I. Kiboko

ORGANIST

Eloise Obman

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lead Me Home

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

CASKET BEARERS

Chris Murphy, Matt Falkena

Nathan Russell, Dan Josephson

Jason Sawvell, Steve Russell

BURIAL

Fairfield Township Cemetery

Albert City, Iowa

Arrangements by

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

— The Family of Bonnie J. Falkena