

IN MEMORY OF
Grace Ellen Weaver

January 3, 1940—June 11, 2008

FUNERAL SERVICE

June 16, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church — Marathon, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Tom Dettmer

ORGANIST

Nita McLaughlin

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Joan Anderson, Rose Tate

RECORDED SELECTIONS

"Wind Beneath My Wings" by Bette Midler

"I'll Be" by Reba McEntire

"How Great Thou Art" by Alan Jackson

CASKET BEARERS

Dave Staples, Kevin Staples, Brad Staples

Wayne Staples, Kenyon Severson, Rodney Severson

Gerald Weiderien, Robert Anderson

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Richard Severson, Chuck Peters, Cecil Weaver

Paul Ripley, Michelle Reisner, Cassie Weaver

Amber Weaver, Brandon Nielsen, Alex Weaver

Bryce Nielsen, Ian Morales

INTERMENT

Poland Township Cemetery — Marathon, Iowa

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Nothing was more important to Grace than family. With tear filled eyes and hearts full of memories, Grace's seven grandchildren have each chosen a special memory of their own to share.

Michelle: Grandma came to Colorado and walked me down the aisle at my wedding.

Cassie: Grandma, Alex and I were driving the golf cart and went under the clothesline and tipped us over and Grandma landed on top of me laughing hysterically.

Amber: I will always remember Grandma's and my "singing lessons" on the way back to her house, with the made up verses of "Marathon Marathon" and classic "O My Darling".

Brandon: Grandpa and Grandma took Bryce and me fishing and Bryce kept getting his line caught in the tree and Grandma kept climbing the tree for him.

Alex: Grandma took me all over town trick-or-treating in Marathon.

Bryce: I will never forget the times we were in her kitchen and I started getting sassy with her, she swatted me with a wooden spoon and it broke.

Ian: I remember when Grandma was helping me to count. She thought the best way to help me was to teach me how to play Cribbage. We liked to play it all the time.

We would like to express our sincere thanks for all you have done to comfort and encourage our family. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the burial.

 *Grace's Family*

In Loving Memory



Grace E. Weaver

1940 — 2008

Grace Weaver, age 68, of Marathon, Iowa, died Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa.



Grace Ellen Staples was born on January 3, 1940 in Lake City, Iowa to Clifford and Ethel (Hoyle) Staples. She attended grade school in Lohrville, Iowa and later graduated from Hayes Township School in rural Storm Lake, Iowa in 1957. Her younger years were spent in the Storm Lake area.

Grace worked at the movie theater as a ticket taker and later at the downtown bookstore.

On June 28, 1959, Grace was united in marriage to Alvin “Tuck” Weaver at the Baptist Church in Storm Lake. Shortly after their wedding, Tuck and Grace moved to Mason City, Iowa for a short time, before making their home in Marathon, Iowa. This union was blessed with four children: Alvin Jr., Michael, Constance and Candace.

Grace was a very active community member. She was a member of the Marathon United Methodist Church, served on the Marathon City Council, as well as



the Baseball/Softball Community organization. Additionally, Grace had worked at Buena Vista University and the Marathon Farmer’s Coop. She was not scared of hard work and demonstrated this value by the many hours she would spend over the years tirelessly picking up rocks and walking beans.

Her family and grandchildren were the love of her life. Grace found much pride and enjoyment in spending time with her loved ones and friends. She was a great friend, who possessed a generous personality. Over the years, Grace enjoyed playing golf, being outdoors, attending craft shows and auctions, playing cards, cooking, baking pies and making homemade noodles. She had a great sense of humor and was quick-witted. She will forever be remembered as a loving wife and devoted mother and grandmother.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Michael (Nancy) Weaver of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; daughter, Connie (Ruben) Mendoza of Lakeside, Iowa;

daughter, Candi (Larry) Nielsen of Newell, Iowa; grandchildren: Michelle (Andy) Riesner, Cassie Weaver, Amber Weaver, Brandon Nielsen, Alex Weaver, Bryce Nielsen and Ian Morales; great granddaughter, Katie Riesner; brothers: William “Bill” (Flo) Staples of Sheldon, Iowa and Raymond “Butch” (Colleen) Staples of Kerrville, Texas; several nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents; her infant son, Alvin, Jr.; her husband, Alvin “Tuck” Weaver in March 2007; sisters: Clara Kerner and Donna Hunt; brothers: Roy Staples, Clifford “Bud” Staples, Charlie Staples, Ken Potts and Don Potts.

