

Joan Elizabeth Wallin, age 79, of Sioux City, Iowa, died of cancer on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at her residence.

Joan was born August 12, 1928 at home in Porter, Indiana, the daughter of Alec F. and Esther M. (Anderson) Carlson. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Porter. At the age of 9 years, Joan lost her parents and went to live with her aunt and uncle.

She married the Reverend Dr. Ralph Albert Wallin on December 27, 1950 in Chesterton, Indiana. He was the love of her life for 47 years and has been sorely missed these last eleven years of her life. Joan graduated from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois in 1950, where she received an A.B. degree. She received her M.A. degree in special education from Morningside College in Sioux City in 1980.

Joan taught school in various places, including Moline, Illinois, Thunder Bay, Ontario, and Chicago, Illinois. While living in Sioux City from 1977 to 1987, she first taught school in Winnebago, Nebraska, and then at West Middle School in Sioux City. After moving to Storm Lake in 1988, she taught at the Fonda Community School in Fonda, Iowa, before retiring in 1994.

Joan was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake until recently, when she relocated to Sioux City, transferring her membership to St. Mark Lutheran Church there.

Joan was actively involved in many organizations, committees, clubs and volunteer work. She loved to entertain, travel, garden, read, play board games and complete cross-word puzzles. She cared deeply about education and was an advocate of special needs children. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include two sons: Dr. Stephen and his wife, Dr. Marta Wallin, of Pueblo, Colorado, and Ronald Wallin of Sioux City; a daughter and her husband, Rebecca and Richard Schwartz, of Sioux City; six grandchildren: Sylvia and Bruce Wallin, Crissy Schwartz-Dangerfield, Michael and Leah Schwartz, and Brandon J. Grant; two great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Elaine Carlson, of Des Moines, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, and the "sister of her heart", her cousin, Marion P. Sperry.

# A Celebration of Life



Joan Elizabeth Wallin

1928



2008

A memorial has been established in Joan's name.



To everything there is an appointed season,  
And a time to everything under heaven.

A time for sharing,  
a time for caring.

A time for loving,  
a time for giving.

A time for remembering,  
a time for parting.

You have made everything  
beautiful in its time

For everything You do remains forever.

— From Ecclesiastes



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the kindness 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.

 *Joan's Family*

## IN MEMORY OF

*Joan Elizabeth Wallin*

August 12, 1928  May 13, 2008

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mark Lutheran Church — Storm Lake, Iowa

### CLERGY

*Reverend Connie Spitzack*

### ORGANIST

*Gladys Eddie*

### SOLOISTS

*Sylvia Wallin — Brenda Samuelson — Sherry Knudtson*

### CASKETBEARERS

*Stephen Wallin, Bruce Wallin, Ronald Wallin  
Dick Schwartz, Michael Schwartz, David Gustafson*

### HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

*Paul Beytein-Carlson, Philip Carlson, Gerald McEwen, David Sperry  
Charles Butler, Robert Nelson, Jr., Douglas Sperry  
Ron Ellefson, John Swanson, Mel Samuelson, Brett Dangerfield*

### INTERMENT

3:00 p.m. — Memorial Garden Cemetery — Sioux City, Iowa  
*Reverend John Hegberg, Officiating*



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