

## I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call;  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with time of sorrow.  
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life has been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now, he set me free.

## The Lord Is my Light and my salvation.

Ps. 27:1



# Lorraine Augspurger

March 10, 1924 - May 24, 2024

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Miller, South Dakota  
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Lorraine Augspurger, 100, of Sioux Falls and formerly of Miller, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 24, 2024, at Avera Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls. Her heart and lungs just wore out at age 100. She was an energetic and generous person whose mind was sharp until the end.

Lorraine was born March 10, 1924, on a family farm in Geddes, SD to Joe and Elsie (Fiala) Pavlis. She and her two brothers attended country school either walking or riding on horseback for two miles. Many times, more than one to a horse. At age 17, after graduating from Geddes High School, she was on her own. Lorraine moved to Sioux Falls where she went to work at Harolds Studio. She loved to dance and that is where she met her future husband, Kenneth, who was home on furlough from the merchant marines. When the Second World War concluded, they were married. In 1946, the Augspurger family purchased the St. Lawrence high school dormitory and converted it into a hunting lodge. This is likely one of the earliest pheasant lodges in our state. The Augspurger boys and their father later developed hardware stores in several towns and owned an automobile and a machinery dealership in Miller. She helped deliver cars, parts, and machinery supplies, but spent most of her time as a happily married helper at home. Lorraine and Kenneth were always together.

Later in their marriage, they spent the winter months in Arizona and traveled extensively. Israel was her favorite country. There, she reaffirmed her baptism in the Jordan River and took communion at the Garden of Gethsemane. Boy did she love to dance and play cards. Lorraine was a loving and faithful wife and a volunteer extraordinaire for school and church activities. Anyone who was married in the St. Lawrence church or had a funeral there could count on her helping out. She was quick to point out that the Lord was good to her, turned to Him, and thanked Him for all matters in her life.

Survivors are her son, Dr. Ken (Marianne) Augspurger, Sioux Falls; grandsons, Jamie, Sioux Falls, and Jeffrey of Jordan, Montana; and numerous nieces, nephews, and tons of friends of all ages.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth (2004); her parents; two brothers: Lawrence and Bill; her husband's siblings: Ione, Wendell, Robert, Delores, and Marvin; and a good friend, Wilbur Hurd.

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## **Funeral Service:**

10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 1, 2024  
Community Church of St. Lawrence  
St. Lawrence, South Dakota

**Minister:** Pastor Jim Hofman

## **Casketbearers:**

Todd Beckett – Kelvin Grey – Larry Hurd  
Rocky Oakley – Garry Peterka – John Wilber

**Eulogist:** Dr. Ken Augspurger

## **Readers:**

Jeffrey Augspurger – Isaiah 41:10  
Jamie Augspurger – Psalms 68:19

## **Vocalists:**

Valerie Augspurger  
“Medley of Children’s Sunday  
School Songs”

David Fremark  
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

**Pianist:** Sherry Van Zee

## **Interment:**

G.A.R. Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota

*The family invites you to stay for lunch and fellowship  
immediately following the service in the church hall.  
Burial will follow the luncheon.*