

GOD looked around the garden,  
And found an empty space.

He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face. He put

*His arms around you*

And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful

For He only takes the **BEST.**

He knew that you were weary,  
and He knew that you were in pain.

He knew that you would never  
be well on earth again.

He saw the roads were getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids,  
and whispered

*Peace be Thine.*



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In Loving Memory

*Donna L. Currie*

With profound sadness the family of Donna L Currie, 81, Shenandoah, IA announces her passing. Born July 1st, 1939, she passed peacefully at her home on Saturday December 12, 2020.

Donna Lou Fern Currie, the third daughter of Jesse W. and Fern E. (Swanson) Stanbrough was born July 1, 1939 in Page County. Donna grew up in rural Page County, attended Goldenrod country school and graduated from Essex, IA high school in 1957. At the age of 18 Donna started work as a bank teller in Essex, continued for 5 years in Tillamook, Oregon and then returned to the Shenandoah area where she retired from City National Bank at the age of 71 after serving her local customers for 46 years. Many customers waited in Donna's line because as she would often tell it, "they knew I would take care of them". Donna's money handling skill also served her well when working weekend auctions with Jim and Joe Nebel.

Donna was blessed with three children; Kevin, Chad and Aimee and raised them in rural Shenandoah. The family enjoyed spending time with nearby relatives around Shenandoah, Essex and Red Oak, and at many Mustang and Fillies sporting events.

Donna was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah. She rocked babies as a volunteer at the Turnbull Childcare Center, earning her the nickname "Grandma Donna" and providing her joy exceeded only by that she received by spending time with the many little ones in her own and extended families. She also served as a Board member of the Shenandoah Senior Center, spending most afternoons there playing cards and socializing.

In recent years, Donna traveled with her many friends on trips to Florida and elsewhere with their hosts, the Neiharts, sharing pictures and stories with everyone upon her return. She loved these trips but also expressed how much she enjoyed coming home to her apartment to plan the next outing. Her home in the Center Street apartments was so special to her, as were her fellow residents, and especially Jackie and Marlene, looking out for and being there for each other when needed.

Donna's passions were her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, visiting with people, watching golf on TV (big Tiger Woods fan), Iowa State sports, and the Kansas City Chiefs. You didn't have to wait long for her call and the excited voice that came with it after a big Cyclone or Chiefs win.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Elaine Woodyard and Maxine Crouse; brother, Gerald Stanbrough; brothers-in-law, George Woodyard and Robert Crouse; and dear friend, Jim Nebel.

Donna is survived by three children, Kevin Currie and wife Lynda of Brainerd, MN, Chad Currie and wife Sherry of Whitewater CO, and Aimee Currie and Jeremy Holland of Brooklyn, IA; three grandchildren, Logan Currie (Nick Panetta) of Haiku, HI, Ben Currie (Ashley Williams) of Des Moines, IA, and Anna Grace Currie of Des Moines; two great-grandsons, Kiko – (Logan & Nick) and August - (Ben & Ashley); brother, Robert (Bernadette) Stanbrough, sisters, Beverly (Luke) McGargill and Karen (Bob) Aherns all of Shenandoah; her extended family members; and all her many friends.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a private graveside service for immediate family will be the only services held at this time. Despite her considerable efforts to protect herself, Donna was a victim of community-spread COVID-19. Up to that point she was healthy, vibrant, and active. Her death was unexpected and unnecessary. To honor and respect her memory, and to protect those in her community that wish to gather to pay their respects to her, public services are planned for the fall of the coming year in September 2021. Until then, our family wishes to thank everyone for their messages of condolence and ask that you remember fondly our dear "Grandma Donna". Also, please share your remembrances and condolences with the family at: [swimemorial.com](http://swimemorial.com) or mail cards: c/o The Currie Family, P O Box 277, Shenandoah, IA 51601. In lieu of flowers, we ask that memorials in Donna's name be gifted to the Turnbull Child Care Center.

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## *Donna L. Currie*

July 1, 1939 – December 12, 2020  
81 years, 5 months, 11 days

### *Celebration of Life Graveside (Family Only)*

10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 21, 2020

Rose Hill Cemetary

Shenandoah, Iowa

Pastor Kurt Hoover - Officiant

### *Special Music*

#### *Larry & Rhonda Mannasmith*

"In The Garden"

"Just a Closer Walk"

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

### *Place of Rest*

10:30 a.m. Monday, December 21, 2020

Rose Hill Cemetery

Shenandoah, Iowa

### *Memorial*

Turnbull Child Care Center