



## Mary Ellen Laudner

November 17, 1930 - May 30, 2026

Mary Ellen (Oswald) Laudner, formerly of Rockford, Iowa, died on May 30, 2026, at Arbor Springs in West Des Moines. Funeral arrangements are with Fullerton Funeral Home.

Mary Ellen was born on November 17, 1930, to Floyd and Erma (Kloster) Oswald in Forest City, Iowa. She graduated from Forest City High School in 1948 and Waldorf College in 1950. On September 1, 1956, she married Ronald J. Laudner.

Mary Ellen is survived by her daughter Angie and son-in-law, Brian Sanders, son Chuck, and daughter-in-law Stephanie, and daughter-in-law, Kathy Douglass. She is also survived by her grandchildren Zachary (Kori) Laudner, Alexander Laudner, Jonathon (Ashley) Laudner, and Emily (Brady) Ogle, and 3 great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Callum Laudner, and Wesley Ogle.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her husband, Ron Sr., and son Ron Jr. Her parents, brothers Paul and Jerry, and a sister, Iris, who died in infancy, also preceded her in death.

In expression of sympathy, memorials may be made to: Zion Lutheran Church, Rockford, Iowa; Rockford Public Library; Iowa Library for the Blind & Print Disabled; or St Croix Hospice.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with a one-hour prior visitation on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church, 805 E Main Ave, Rockford, with Pastor Robert Scheurer officiating. Following the service, Mary Ellen will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Rockford.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

Rockford, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
805 E Main  
Rockford, IA

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

LA

“ So sorry to hear of Mary’s passing she was a wonderful woman I got the pleasure knowing her when she lived at Kentucky ridge assisted living in Mason city Iowa. Her smile and sense of humor will also be missed. Her family is in my thoughts and prayers.

*Laurie Lucas*

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**laurie** - June 07 at 11:09 PM

JP

“ Joel and Kristine Pitz purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Laudner.



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**Joel and Kristine Pitz** - June 03 at 08:27 PM

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“ Joel and Kristine Pitz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Laudner.

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**Joel and Kristine Pitz** - June 03 at 08:27 PM

MD

“ Marty and Julia Douglass-Kihn purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Laudner.



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**Marty and Julia Douglass-Kihn** - June 02 at 09:00 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Douglass purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Ellen Laudner.*



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**Kathy Douglass** - June 02 at 01:19 PM

LH

“ *Mary Ellen was the "Oswald" family matriarch for our generation. She reminded me so much of her dear mother, Erma. She had a great sense of humor and laugh. She lived a long life and provided her family with many great memories.*

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**Linda (Oswald) Hansen** - June 01 at 07:00 PM

SJ

*Thoughts & prayers to the family of Mary Ellen 🙏*

*Sandy (Purcell) Jenkins*

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**Sandy Jenkins** - June 02 at 10:37 PM