



June 6, 2026

11:00 AM

Maple Grove Chapel, Cedar Falls

Officiated by Rev. James Whitfield



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Eleanor May Hayes

Sunrise June 4, 1941 — Sunset May 30, 2026

Order of Service

Gathering

Guests arrive as their favorite music plays

Welcome

Opening words from the host or celebrant

Musical Tribute

A song they loved

Tributes

Stories and memories from family and friends

Photo Slideshow

A look back at a life well lived

Open Sharing

An open invitation to share a memory

Reading or Poem

Chosen by the family

Closing Words

Thanks and farewell from the family

Reception

Refreshments and time together to follow

A Life Remembered

Eleanor was born in Cedar Falls in 1941 and lived most of her life within a mile of the river. She taught third grade at Lincoln Elementary for thirty-four years, and former students still stopped her at the grocery store to introduce their own children. She loved her garden best in late May, when the peonies came in, and she never missed a Sunday phone call with her sisters.

Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

— Christina Rossetti

The family of Eleanor May Hayes gratefully acknowledges every kind word, embrace, and thoughtful act of care extended to us during this time. Your love and support mean more than words can say.