

May 19, 2005

Faye Diane Rusert

January 15, 1944 to May 12, 2005

Faye Diane Rusert, 61, of La Crosse, died on Thursday, May 12, 2005, at the Franciscan Skemp Medical Center.

She was born in Story County, Iowa, on January 15, 1944, to Fred "Homer" and Ferne (Johnson) Lewis. She was baptized on February 13, 1944 at Bethany Lutheran Church in McCallsburg, Iowa, and was later confirmed there in 1958. After graduating from high school in 1962, Faye attended the University of Iowa, receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 1966. During her nursing career, Faye worked in Minneapolis and La Crosse.

Faye's life was spent witnessing her faith to co-workers and patients while nursing in the La Crosse area. She provided care for ten years at Gundersen Lutheran and over 16 years at Franciscan Skemp Medical Center. Faye was instrumental in developing the Cardiac Catheterization Lab for Franciscan Skemp. She also enjoyed fishing in classy hats with family and friends. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy; she remained close to them and attended all their special events.

In 1967, Faye married John Rusert. They later divorced in 1992.

Faye is survived by her daughter Trisha (Jon) Engelbrecht of La Crosse; her grandchildren, Halley and Curtis Engelbrecht; two brothers, Eugene (Shirley) Lewis of Lewis, Iowa, and Robert Lewis of Onalaska, Texas; many nieces and nephews; and her former husband, John Rusert, of Stewartville, Minn. She is further survived by her extended family, her best friends, Ron and Barb Wolff, of Forest Lake, Minn.; and Christine (Dana) Duncan and their children Thomas, Allyson and Sarah, of Port Edwards, Wis., and Stefanie (Steve) McCoy, and their children, Sheridan and Shealyn, of Holmen, Wis. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Faye fought a valiant fight with cancer before her Lord called her home while surrounded by her loved ones. Her faith and confidence in the Lord lives on in the ones she shared it with.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 15, at St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church. Pastor James Krueger officiated. Burial followed in St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to be made in Faye's name to St. Matthew's Lutheran School, Stoddard, or the Franciscan Skemp Foundation for the Cancer Center or Cardiac Care Units.

I commit myself to God's care secure in his love for me and trust in the salvation purchased for me through Christ's suffering and death. I leave those who survive me in

the comfort of knowing that I have died in His faith and have now joined my Lord in eternal glory.

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