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Charlene "Chuckie" Korslund of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, died on April 14, 2026.

Services will be held at St Stephen's Episcopal Church in Edina Minnesota on May 18, 2026, with interment near Eagle Grove Iowa at a date to be determined. Memorials may be made to Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) or to the Korslund-Keim Scholarship (CALs) fund at Iowa State University.

Charlene Faye Keim was born August 13, 1929, in Davenport, Nebraska, to Ray Charles and Edna (Lambert) Keim, and baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. In 1942 she moved with her family to New Windsor, Illinois, graduating from high school there. She spent two years at Monmouth College in Illinois (where she embraced her new nickname "Chuckie"), then transferred to Iowa State College. At Iowa State she was an active member of Kappa Delta sorority, soon meeting a handsome Norwegian Iowa GI-bill student, Allen Korslund, while completing her bachelors degree in food and nutrition in 1951.

She married Allen on December 16, 1950 in New Windsor and then moved with him to his family farm near Thor, Iowa. She was an active partner in managing the family farm, first with Allen's parents and later with their oldest son John and his wife. The farm featured a grade A dairy herd in the early years, with Chuckie the chief bulk tank washer, record keeper and constant counsel for Allen. Later the hog operation was expanded, especially when the next generation joined the operation.

Allen and Chuckie nurtured 4 sons who thrived in the rural Iowa farm environment with copious diets of nutritious home-raised food and even more abundant love and support. 4-H, school activities, music, and community events filled the lives of the young family, all managed under Chuckie's constant loving watch. All 4 sons met their parent's firm expectations that they would graduate with at least 4-year college degrees.

In 1983 she and Allen joined a cultural exchange tour to visit farms in China and Russia, her first trip outside of the Midwest and in the process traveled around the world. In 1989, she and Allen moved from the farm to a home in Eagle Grove, Iowa. They enjoyed many trips both domestically and overseas in retirement. Additionally, summers were spent at the remodeled family cabin on West Okoboji with a circle of close friends there. In the summer of 1999, they took a cruise on the Norwegian postal boat to see the fjords, joined by Allen's sister Mary. Allen passed away on October 27, 1999. After Allen's death Chuckie continued to travel often to Europe to visit her sons.

Chuckie was active in the Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church in many roles, including as church president and as a representative to the ELCA NW Iowa synod for 10 years. In 2010 she reluctantly transferred her membership to the South Enes Lutheran Church to remain a member of her beloved ELCA following Evangelical's decision to leave the church body. She mourned the schism in her local church family for many years. She was also a member of

PEO Chapter EJ as well as active in the DOC and Equality clubs in Eagle Grove.

After living 62 years in Eagle Grove, Chuckie moved into an independent living facility in Edina, Minnesota in 2014. There she joined St. Stephen's church, enjoying that community and working with their Altar Guild. Living near family, she also could attend high school concerts and volleyball matches. In 2022 she moved to Flagstone in Eden Prairie as her care needs made it no longer possible to live independently.

Chuckie is survived by four children, John (Pat) Korslund of Fulton, Maryland, David Korslund of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Douglas (Audrey) Korslund of Riverside, Illinois, and Jim (Lisa) Korslund of Minneapolis, Minnesota; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Gloria Rainer, Mary Nan Meyer and Sue Meyer - all cousins of Allen. She was preceded in death by her husband; and siblings, Layle Keim, Lynn Keim, Luana Friesth and Mary Jane Carl.

Memorials preferred to:

Lutheran Services in Iowa: <https://lsiowa.org/give/>

Iowa State University: <https://www.foundation.iastate.edu/s/give> (search for "Korslund-Keim" at this page).

Services will be held at St Stephen's Episcopal Church in Edina Minnesota at 3pm, on May 18, 2026, with interment near Eagle Grove Iowa, in early October; specific date & time to be determined.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hi, I'm Joyce Keim, Wayne Keim's wife. We always enjoyed Luana and Charlene's visits, when they came to Ft. Collins to visit some of their family. Chuckie always had stories that made us laugh. I hope that your memories of happy times together will always make you smile. May God comfort you. Love, Joyce Keim

Joyce Keim - April 29 at 06:26 PM

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Hello Joyce - Thank you for that memory. I also remember Chuckie telling us all about her visits with you all! (Lisa, Chuckie's DIL)

Lisa Korslund - April 30 at 08:51 AM

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John Korslund - April 20 at 08:48 PM

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Jim Korslund - April 16 at 11:47 AM