

Geneva Burggraaf, the daughter of Peter and Anna (Jansma) Statema, was born July 24, 1934, near Ireton, Iowa. She attended a country school near Ireton. Attended, and graduated from Ireton High School in 1951. She then attended, and graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa with a teaching degree. She taught in Volga, South Dakota Christian School, and Rock Valley Christian School.

Geneva spent most of her life loving and caring for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

If you knew Geneva, you received her smile, a cookie, a piece of pie, a piece of cake, or whatever she happened to be baking that day! If you remember the Towne House Family Restaurant, now the Cedar Rock Grill, you may have had her famous pies, bread pudding, salads, or cream puffs.

Geneva passed away Monday, July 29, 2024, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 90.

Geneva married William Peter Burggraaf on March 23, 1960. Geneva is survived by her children: son, Les (Kim) Burggraaf of Rock Valley, Iowa; son in-law, Doug Van Engen of Orange City, Iowa; daughter, Sharon (Paul) De Groot of St. Louis, Missouri; daughter, Audrey (Doug) Broek of Ireton, Iowa; and son, Harlan (Sara) Burggraaf of Omaha, Nebraska. Grandchildren: Tyler Burggraaf, Nicole Van Beek, Paige Elbers, Larissa Van Dyke, Danielle Kuiken, Dylan Van Engen, Brianna De Groot, Joshua De Groot, Luke De Groot, Nathan Broek, Lindsey Kostelyk, Mikaela Broek, Jacey Burggraaf, and Emmy Burggraaf. Great-grandchildren: Ruxin Burggraaf, Asher Burggraaf, Tate Burggraaf, Paisley Elbers, Piper Elbers, Crew Elbers, Navey Elbers, Sawyer Van Beek, Suttyn Van Beek, Connor Van Dyke, Brynna Van Dyke, Will Van Dyke, Georgia Kuiken, and Huxley Kuiken. Sister, Pricilla Huizenga and brother-in-law, Otto Huizenga; sister in-law, Bertha Statema; sister in-law, Barb Brands; brother in-law and sister in-law, Jim and Joyce Burggraaf; sister in-law, Joanne Born; and brother in-law and sister in-law, Bob and Arlene Vanden Top.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Burggraaf; daughter, Brenda Van Engen; son in infancy, Rodney; father and mother, Peter and Anna Statema; father and mother in-law, Peter and Ada Burggraaf; brothers, John, Art, Frank, Clarence, and Pete Statema; and sisters, Ann Zomermaand, Betty Sikma, and Madelyne Huizenga.

In Loving Memory
Geneva Burggraaf
July 24, 1934 ~ July 29, 2024

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:30 AM, Thursday, August 1, 2024
Calvin Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Gideon Wamala

PIANIST

Vonnie Van Ginkel

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I'll Fly Away"

Rev. Gideon & Agnes Wamala

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art"

"When Peace Like a River"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

PALLBEARERS

Tyler Burggraaf ~ Dylan Van Engen ~ Joel Van Dyke
Josh De Groot ~ Luke De Groot ~ Nathan Broek
Dan Kuiken ~ Zach Van Beek ~ Nate Elbers

MEMORIAL

Rock Valley Christian School

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Geneva's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

3 John 4
NIV

*I have no greater joy than to hear that
my children are walking in the truth.*

Matthew 22:36-40
NIV

*"Teacher, which is the greatest
commandment in the Law?"
Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your
God with all your heart
and with all your soul and
with all your mind.'
This is the first and greatest
commandment.
And the second is like it:
'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
All the Law and the Prophets
hang on these two commandments."*

