



Jeanette "Nettie" Ann Van Surksum, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Van Grootheest) Vlastuin, was born on December 15, 1940, near Doon, Iowa. Nettie grew up on the family farm and attended school through the 8th grade. On June 11, 1959, Nettie was united in marriage with John Van Surksum at her parents' farm. The couple raised three daughters, Debra, Susan, and Dawn. Nettie was

a longtime member of the Netherlands Reformed Congregation of Sioux Center, Iowa.

Nettie held various jobs, but she greatly enjoyed her last job driving "bus" for Area 4 and getting to know the kids she brought to school every day. Nettie loved taking care of the house, cooking, spending time with her family, having coffee with her friends, visiting her sister & sister-in-law in the nursing home, and gardening and tending to her flowers. She also liked to sew and was an amazing seamstress and made custom doll clothes for her granddaughters and great granddaughters. In addition to her hobbies, Nettie loved feeding the birds and squirrels and watching them from the kitchen every day. Nettie died Friday, June 2, 2023, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 82.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John; daughters, Susan (Steve) Hoekstra, and Dawn (Lane) Munson; grandchildren, Lance (Amy) Juffer and their daughter, Annika, Stephanie (Chad) Mulder and their children, Dylan, Gracyn, and Aubryn, Cole Hoekstra, Chance Hoekstra, Dane Munson, and Cydne Munson; sister, Tillie Blom; brother, Elmer Vlastuin; and sisters-in-law, Ann Vlastuin and Emma Vlastuin.

Preceding Nettie in death were her parents, John and Elizabeth; daughter, Debra Van Surksum; great-grandson, Andrew Juffer; and her siblings, Henrietta DeBruin, Henry Vlastuin, Gerrit Vlastuin, and Fred Vlastuin.

*In Loving Memory*  
**Jeanette "Nettie" Van Surksum**  
*December 15, 1940 ~ June 2, 2023*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:00 AM, Thursday, June 8, 2023  
Porter Funeral Home  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. H. Hofman  
Netherlands Reformed Congregation

**ORGANIST**

Rutger Van Wingerden

**PSALTERS**

*"A Mindful God" #281*  
*"The Fatherly Love of God" #278*

**PALLBEARERS**

Lance Juffer ~ Chance Hoekstra  
Cole Hoekstra ~ Dane Munson  
Chad Mulder ~ Dylan Mulder

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Stephanie Mulder ~ Cydne Munson  
Gracyn Mulder ~ Aubryn Mulder ~ Annika Mulder

**INTERMENT**

Hillside Cemetery  
Doon, Iowa

*Nettie's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at the Netherlands Reformed Christian School following the committal service at the cemetery.*

## Footprints

*One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.*

*When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.*

*I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."*

*The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."*



No eye has seen,  
nor ear heard, nor  
the heart of man  
conceived,

what God has prepared  
for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

