

Marie Bakker, daughter of Henry and Alice (Vande Hoef) Van Voorst, was born January 3, 1929. She grew up near Sioux Center, Iowa. After the early death of her father in 1943, she assisted her mother on the farm. She attended country school through the 8th grade, and after her children were grown she earned her GED at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, Iowa. Marie married John Bakker on May 27, 1949, at her family home in Sioux Center. The couple farmed east of Rock Valley, Iowa at the Bakker homeplace where they raised their 7 children. In addition to being a homemaker, Marie later worked at Valley Manor in Rock Valley and she spent 9 years as the head cook at the Netherlands Reformed Christian School. In 1994 Marie and John retired and moved to Rock Valley. John passed away December 31, 2013.

Marie was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who had great compassion and a selfless love for her family. She was known for her needlework, crocheting, and sewing skills. She also enjoyed caring for her outdoor flowers. Marie could play piano and organ very well. Many songs she knew from memory. Marie was a lifelong member of the Netherlands Reformed Congregation. She dedicated many hours to helping the mission guild as well as the ladies auxiliary at school. Marie passed away Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley at the age of 93.

Marie is survived by her 7 children, Audrey (Dennis) Van Maanen of Hull, Iowa, Fonda (Bob) Chedester of Sioux City, Iowa, Karen (Gerald) Meyer of George, Iowa, Gary (Joanne) Bakker of Hull, Mary (Gene) Rozeboom of Alford, Iowa, John (Sandra) Bakker of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Alan (Avis) Bakker of Hull; 34 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Jake Van Voorst of Inwood, Iowa; sister-in-law, Dorothy Van Voorst of Marion, Iowa; John's sister, Angeline (Gilbert) Hoogendoorn of Rock Valley; John's sisters-in-law, Evelyn Bakker of Sioux Center, and Leola Bakker of Hull; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Marie in death were her parents, Henry and Alice Van Voorst; husband, John Bakker; 1 granddaughter; 2 great-grandsons; sisters, Hermina (Bill) Van Bochove, Gertrude (Henry) Van Beek, Hattie (John) Rus, and Priscilla (Jack) Dibbet; brothers, John (Tillie) Van Voorst, Richard Van Voorst, and Gerit (Johanna) Van Voorst; sister-in-law, Freda Van Voorst; John's brothers, Albert (Alice) Bakker, Bernard Bakker, and Henry Bakker; and John's sisters, Dena (Martin) Luttikhuizen, and Jennie (Clarence) De Kam.



In Loving Memory
Marie Bakker

January 3, 1929 ~ August 27, 2022

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM, Thursday, September 1, 2022
Netherlands Reformed Congregation
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. J.J. Witvoet

ORGANIST

Ruth Hoefakker

PSALTERS

"A Mourner's Entreaties" #107 vs.1-4
"The Good Shepherd" #55 vs.1-3

PALLBEARERS

Darrick Van Maanen ~ Justin Meyer
Kirk Rozeboom ~ Dan De Boer
Greg Bakker ~ Darren Bakker ~ Jeff Bakker

MEMORIAL

Netherlands Reformed Christian School

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

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

23rd Psalm

THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*: I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
He leadeth me BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
for His names sake.
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, *I will fear no evil:*
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND
THY STAFF *they comfort me.*
THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE
PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL:
my cup runneth over.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL
DWELL IN THE *house of the Lord forever.*



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*A Mother holds
her children's hands for a while...
their hearts forever.*