

Gertrude “Gert” (Van Bommel) Folkerts, daughter of Fredrich and Wilhelmina (Augustinus) Van Bommel, was born at home in rural Estelline, South Dakota on April 28, 1934. She received her education at Cozy Cottage rural school, graduated from Castlewood, South Dakota High School, and obtained a stenographic degree from Nettleton Business College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was employed in the business office at John Morrell.

On September 7, 1956, Gert married Cornelius “Cornie” Folkerts in Sioux Falls at the First Christian Reformed Church. The couple moved to a farm near Inwood, Iowa in March 1957 where they raised their four children, Jeffrey, Julie, Lori, and Gregory. The couple moved into Inwood in 1997.

Gert’s passion in life was her family. It was important to her that they knew she loved them and that they also knew they were loved by God.

Gert was a member of the Inwood Christian Reformed Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent, Calvinette (GEMS) counselor, and participated in various Bible study groups for several years. She was active in many community organizations, including, Canton-Inwood Hospital Auxiliary, Women’s Club, American Legion Auxiliary, and served for many years as a Lyon County poll official in Inwood’s city and Lyon County’s elections. Gert was also an active member and past president of the Fellowship Village Auxiliary.

Gert dearly loved each one of her children and grandchildren. She passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at Sioux Center Health at the age of 90. Survivors include 2 children, Julie (Kirk) Hulstein of Sioux Center, Iowa and Gregory (Jill) Folkerts of Lafayette, Indiana; 10 grandchildren, Jason Folkerts, Jarod Folkerts, Amanda (Carlos) Bahena, Matthew (Tracey) Hulstein, Christopher Hulstein, Nichole (Tim) Van Dyke, Cynthia Centofanti, Marcel Folkerts, Daniel Folkerts, and Emma Folkerts; 8 great-grandchildren, Celia, Isaiah, and Isabella Bahena, Wyatt and Genivieve Van Dyke, and Nora, Emily, and Ava Hulstein; sister, Kathy DeWit of Sioux Center; brother, Art Van Bommel of Spokane, Washington; and sister-in-law, Judy Carsley of Newberg, Oregon.

Gert was preceded in death by her parents, Fredrich and Wilhelmina; husband, Cornie; son Jeffrey; daughter, Lauren; brothers, Adrian, John, William, Ralph, Cornie, and Vern Van Bommel; and sisters, Freda Saathoof, Sophie Bruinsma, Lena Bakke, Margaret Van Bommel, Jennie Tillma, Agnes Bleeker, and Ida Leibsich.

Remembering the Life of Gert Folkerts

April 28, 1934 ~ July 2, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Friday, July 5, 2024
Inwood Christian Reformed Church
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Tim Ouwinga

ACCOMPANIST

Nancy Vermeer

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

*“And Can It Be”
“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

REMEMBRANCES

Gert’s Grandchildren

CASKET BEARERS

Jason Folkerts ~ Jarod Folkerts
Amanda Bahena ~ Matthew Hulstein
Christopher Hulstein ~ Nichole Van Dyke
Cynthia Centofanti ~ Marcel Folkerts
Daniel Folkerts ~ Emma Folkerts

MEMORIALS

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Inwood Christian School

INTERMENT

Richland Cemetery
Inwood, Iowa

Gert’s family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.

“Someday you will read or hear that Gert Folkerts is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it. She is more alive than she has ever been. She has changed her address. She has gone into the presence of God.”

An adaptation of a quote by Billy Graham



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:3-9



In Loving Memory



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