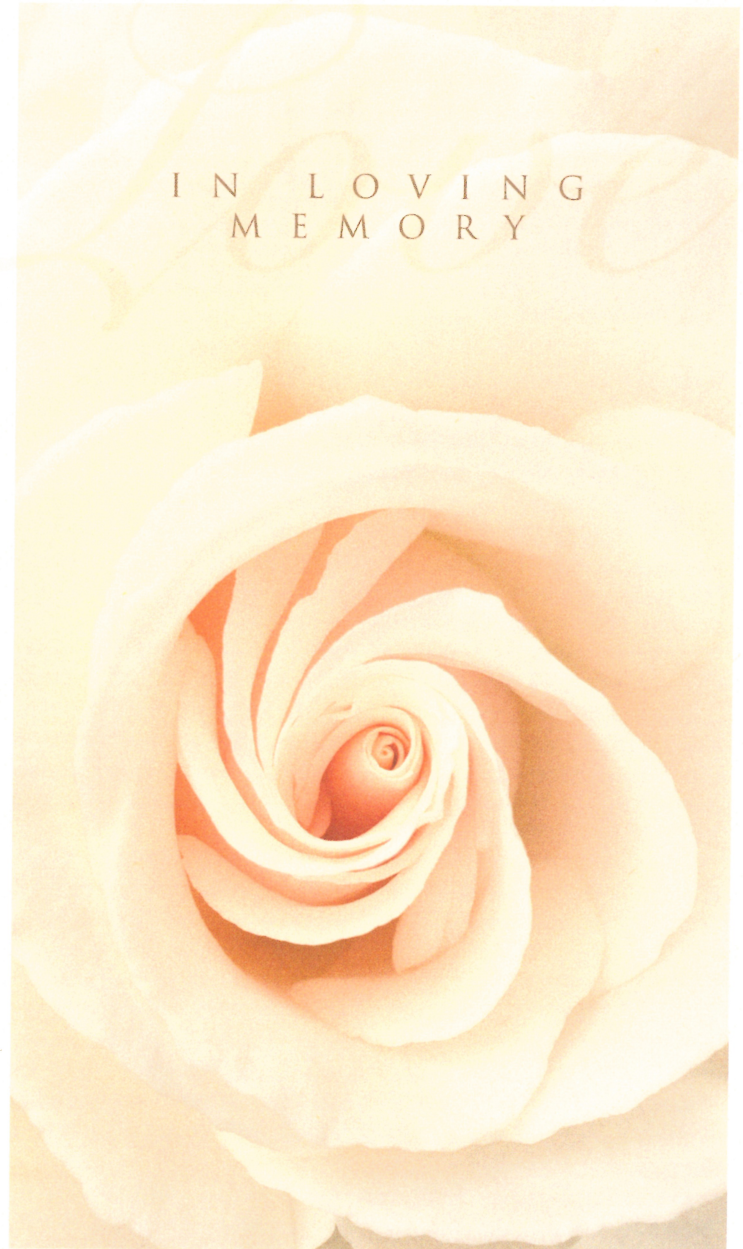


IN LOVING  
MEMORY

*The butterfly emerges  
from its silken shell---  
Reborn, it arises,  
no longer bound to earth.  
Free at last, the butterfly glides  
to heights unknown before.  
So do our loved ones find  
a beautiful release  
as, earthbound no more,  
they leave our sight and joyfully rise  
to a garden of matchless beauty,  
a place of light and peace.*

*~ Evelyn Phillips*





Jeanette Eleanor Van Oort, daughter of John and Gertie (Franken) Bobeldyk, was born May 17, 1923. She grew up around Inwood, Iowa and attended school through the 8th grade, and continued to learn throughout her life. She met the love of her life, Albert Van Oort, and following Albert's return from World War II the couple was united in marriage at Inwood, Iowa on March 15, 1946.

The couple made their home in Rock Valley, Iowa where they managed the Council Oak Grocery Store. After their time at the grocery store, Albert became a Standard Oil Bulk Tank Agent and Janet would work dispatch sending him out to the different customers. Janet's most rewarding career was that of a homemaker. She loved caring for her family. Janet was an excellent cook, pie baker, and seamstress; making many of her daughters' clothing herself. Her care extended beyond her own family too as she babysat several children over the years.

In addition to her love of family, Janet also had many enjoyments over her lifetime. She liked bowling, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, gardening, and cheering on the Minnesota Twins and Iowa Hawkeyes. Janet was a longtime member of the First Reformed Church of Rock Valley. Janet passed away Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 99.

Janet is survived by her 3 children, Kathleen (Jack) Kersbergen of Frederick, Colorado, Linda (Joe) Gacke of Hudson, South Dakota, and Doug (Mary Kay) Van Oort of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 6 grandchildren, Daniel Gacke (Jenny Wolff), David Gacke (Mariah Skye), Rebecca (Doug) Studer, Andy (Kelsey) Kersbergen, Jake (Marley) Van Oort, and Adam Van Oort; 10 great-grandchildren, Emerald, Dylan, Aidan, Leighton, Aurorah, Josi, Noah, Orion, Ben, and Avery; sister, Lois (Roy) Folkerts of Inwood, Iowa; brother, Gene (Wanda) Bobeldyk of Zeeland, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Janet in death were her parents, John and Gertie; husband, Albert; and six siblings, Henrietta, Gertrude, Walter, Jennie, Allen, and Gerald.

***Celebrating the Life of  
Jeanette Eleanor Van Oort  
May 17, 1923 ~ October 9, 2022***

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**

10:30 AM, Saturday, October 15, 2022

First Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIANT**

Rev. Harlan De Jong

**ORGANIST**

Ruth Vande Stroet

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Dan Gacke

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

*"Amazing Grace"*

*"Abide With Me"*

**PALLBEARERS**

Dan Gacke ~ David Gacke

Rebecca Studer ~ Andy Kersbergen

Jake Van Oort ~ Adam Van Oort

**INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

**MEMORIALS**

Hegg Home Health Care or

Sioux Center Home Health And Hospice

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