

In Loving Memory

From A Friend

Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I care about you.

I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me too. I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you - and I waited. You never came. It hurt me - but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you sleeping last night and longed to touch your brow so I spilled moonlight upon your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awoke and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

If you would only listen to me! I love you! I try to tell you in blue skies and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in leaves on the trees and breathe it in colors of flowers, shout it to you in mountain streams, give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean, and bigger than the biggest need in your heart!

Ask me! Talk with me! Please don't forget me. I have so much to share with you!

I won't hassle you any further. It is YOUR decision. I have chosen you and I will wait - because I love you.

Your friend,

JESUS

A prayer found in Hattie's Bible

Hattie Behrends

June 28, 1932 ~ April 6, 2018

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Hattie Behrends, 85, of Wellsburg, passed away on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City, following a brief illness. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Hattie was born on June 28, 1932 in rural Butler County, Iowa, to her parents Andrew and Lena (Johnson) Schipper. She was raised on the family farm in rural Butler County and baptized at Bethel Reformed Church also in rural Butler County. Hattie was

united in marriage to Edwin Behrends on February 24, 1956. Together they welcomed three children into their family. Hattie was a devoted wife and helper to her husband Edwin and a loving, caring mother to her children.

She was a long-time member of the Wellsburg Reformed Church where she served the church in a variety of capacities. Hattie loved to sew, garden, can, bake and make large family meals. She also enjoyed playing cards. Hattie cherished 30 years of family vacations at the lake but her true joy in life was her family & friends.

Hattie is survived by her two sons, Glenn (Jan) of Waverly, Galen (Wanda) of Cedar Falls; daughter Jean (Dewayne) Hixson of West Des Moines; grandchildren Zachary Behrends, Travis (Krista) Behrends, Brett (Kelly) Behrends; Tyler Behrends (Tara Bondy), Trisha (Josh) Robinson, and Kyle & Allison Hixson; great-grandchildren Annika, Zane, & Mya Behrends, Porter & Paxton Behrends, Hudson & Harper Behrends, Colton & Taylor Behrends and Nevaeh Robinson; brothers Paul (Irma) Schipper & Lee (Dorothy) Schipper; sister-in-law Esther Schipper; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Edwin and 5 brothers and 4 sisters.

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Born Into Life

June 28, 1932

Rural Butler County, Iowa

Entered Eternal Rest

April 6, 2018

Iowa City, Iowa

Funeral Service

Monday, April 9, 2018

10:00 AM

Wellsburg Reformed Church

Wellsburg, Iowa

Officiating

Rev. Nathan Huisman

Pianist

Randy Aalderks

Congregational Hymns

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

“How Great Thou Art”

“Amazing Grace”

Special Music

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Performed by: Nathan Huisman

Casket Bearers

Zach Behrends Travis Behrends Brett Behrends

Tyler Behrends Kyle Hixson Josh Robinson

Burial

Wellsburg Reformed Church Cemetery

Wellsburg, Iowa

Please join Hattie’s family for lunch in the church fellowship hall following the committal service.