



Alta Mae Groeneweg was born April 18, 1931, in Long Island, Kansas to Henry and Christina (Vander Plas) Kats. As a child, Alta and her family moved to Rock Valley, Iowa and she graduated from Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa. On October 14, 1953, she married Walter Groeneweg and together they made their home northeast of Rock Valley where Alta stayed home to raise their 4

children. During those years she did a lot of gardening which yielded a bountiful fruit cellar. She also did a lot of sewing and crocheting and enjoyed reading, puzzles, and was still crocheting scarves for the orphan train until quite recently.

Alta served for many years for Hope Haven first as an apartment trainer and for Hope Haven Int'l wheelchair ministries. She traveled abroad to Vietnam, Guatemala, and Romania to help distribute them. She also volunteered at Love INC. Alta passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley at the age of 93.

Alta is survived by her children: son, Leon Robert "Bob" (Cherie) Groeneweg of Rock Valley and their children, Morgen, Kelcie, and Erin, daughter, Laura Beth (Greg) Getting of Sheldon and their children, Cody and Carter, daughter-in-law, Joan Groeneweg of Rock Valley and her children, Rose, Miranda, and Nathan, and son-in-law, Henry Blankespoor of Doon and his children, Dexter, Brett and Levi; 21 great-grandchildren; and Alta's siblings, Gerrit Kats, Kenneth Kats, Alvin Kats, Betty Hoogendoorn, and Wanda Siebelink.

Alta was preceded in death by her husband, Walt; son, Dennis Groeneweg; daughter, Gail Blankespoor; grandson, Brock Kleinwolterink; and siblings, Joan Groeneweg, John Kats, Paul Kats, Harley Kats, Ed Kats, and Larry Kats.

Remembering the Life of ***Alta Mae Groeneweg***

April 18, 1931 † October 9, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Rock Valley United Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Caleb Castro

ORGANIST

Karla Kats

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Abide With Me" #470

"How Great Thou Art" Insert

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet!" #380

"When Peace Like a River" #445

"By the Sea of Crystal" #469

HONORARY CASKET BEARER

Brock Kleinwolterink (dec.)

CASKET BEARERS

Nathan Groeneweg ~ Cody Kleinwolterink
Carter Kleinwolterink ~ Dexter Blankespoor
Brett Blankespoor ~ Levi Blankespoor

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Alta's family would like to invite everyone for a time of food and fellowship at the church following the committal service at the cemetery.

Psalm 121

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.*

*My help cometh from the LORD,
which made Heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

*Behold, He that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy
shade upon thy right hand.*

*The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*The LORD shall preserve
thee from all evil:*

He shall preserve thy soul.

*The LORD shall preserve
thy going out and thy coming in
from this time forth,
and even for evermore.*



In Loving Memory



Alta Mae Groeneweg

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