

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.*



Nelma Byker

September 10, 1932

December 4, 2024



In Loving Memory Of
Nelma Byker

September 10, 1932 † December 4, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Monday, December 9, 2024
Christian Reformed Church
Ireton, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Nate Kuperus

PIANIST

Mandy Viet

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“In Christ Alone”

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

“By The Sea Of Crystal”

CASKET BEARERS

Leah Zarate-Byker ~ Rachel Dekker

Laura Jelgerhuis ~ Wade Folkerts

Meika Folkerts ~ Klay Byker

Sam Byker ~ Emma Byker

INTERMENT

Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Ireton, Iowa

Nelma Byker was born on September 10, 1932, in the family farmhouse near Rock Valley, Iowa, the third daughter of Henry and Jennie (Brouwer) Brands. She attended Rock Valley Christian School, in Rock Valley, Iowa, and Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa. After completing her education, she lived and worked on the family farm and was also employed as a caregiver/household assistant for many families in the Inwood area until she married Marion Byker on January 25, 1956, at the Inwood Christian Reformed Church, Inwood, Iowa. Marion and Nelma moved to their family farm near Hawarden, Iowa where they were blessed with five children, farmed land, raised livestock, and managed a dairy business. Nelma lived and worked on that same farm until January 2022, when she moved to Landsmeer Ridge Retirement Community, and recently to Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City, Iowa. Nelma was 92 years, 1 month, and 24 days on the day of her passing on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Nelma was a faithful member of the Ireton Christian Reformed Church in Ireton, Iowa. She shared her love through acts of service: preparing countless meals, baking thousands of cookies and countless delicious apple pies, sewing dresses, mending worn work clothes, quilting, apple picking, and cheering for her grandchildren at high school sports and fine arts events. She was an office holder and member of the Ireton Christian School Martha Circle for many years, the Unity Unit, enjoyed participating in Ladies' Circles, Bible studies, and was a partner in prayer for her family, friends, and fellow church members.

Nelma is survived by her five children, Eugene and his wife, Cheryl of Ireton, Iowa, Shar and her husband, Elmer Jelgerhuis of Bloomington, Minnesota, Shirley and her husband, Rudy Folkerts of Orange City, Iowa, Daryl Byker of Hawarden, Iowa and Mike and his wife, Maria of Orange City, Iowa; eight grandchildren, Leah Zarate-Byker, Rachel Dekker, Laura Jelgerhuis, Wade Folkerts, Meika Folkerts, Klay Byker, Sam Byker and Emma Byker; four great-grandchildren, Thea & Henry Dekker, and Kaden & Ada Byker; two sisters, Gertrude Kruid of Orange City, Iowa, and Carol Joyce (William) Bouwman of Rock Valley, Iowa; and a brother, Gerald (Lavina) Brands of Inwood, Iowa.

Nelma is preceded in death by her husband, Marion Byker on February 14, 1990; her parents, Henry and Jennie (Brouwer) Brands; infant brothers, Gerrit and Jasper Brands; sisters, Rena In't Veld, Jennie Dragstra, Marian Mae Wallenburg, Dorothy Voortman, and Arlene Bakker; and granddaughter, Sarah Jelgerhuis.

*Please join Nelma's family for lunch and fellowship
in the church hall following the committal service.*