



Ruth Irene Van Maanen, daughter of Brandt “Bernie” and Effie (Moss) Van Heukelom, was born February 23, 1929, at Sioux Center, Iowa. After graduating from high school in 1946, Ruth attended Northwestern College and received her teaching certificate in 1949. She then taught in a country school, Milford School District, and Rock Valley School District. On June 17, 1952, Ruth was united in marriage with John E. Van Maanen at Hull, Iowa. The couple raised 8 children and farmed north of Rock Valley for 35 years before moving into town in 1987.

Over the years Ruth was active with various activities. She taught piano lessons, was a part of the Ladies Farm Bureau, Christian Women’s Club, and Senior Saints where she played the piano and sang. She was also a member of Faith Reformed Church. Ruth enjoyed traveling, gardening, and crafting. Her greatest joy was spending time with her large family. Ruth died Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley at the age of 92.

Ruth is survived by her 8 children, Randy Van Maanen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Sandra Butterfield of Atlanta, Georgia, Rachel (Dave) Clover of Sioux City, Iowa, Belinda (Steve) Humphrey of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Doris (Jeff) Gregg of Aurelia, Iowa, Terry (Sue) Van Maanen of Rock Valley, Lorna (Ray) Mundy of Gray, Iowa, and Sally (Tim) Mills of Marshalltown, Iowa; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and sister, Kathleen “Katy” Vander Velde of Sanborn, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernie and Effie Van Heukelom; husband, John E. Van Maanen; son-in-law, Wally Butterfield; daughter-in-law, Luana Van Maanen; brothers-in-law, Gerrit, Jim, and Henry Van Maanen, Hubert Landegent, Art Vanden Bosch, and Kenneth Vander Velde; and sisters-in-law, Berdena and Elda Van Maanen, and Wilhelmina Landegent.

*In Loving Memory*  
***Ruth Irene Van Maanen***  
*February 23, 1929 ~ June 23, 2021*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 AM, Monday, June 28, 2021  
Faith Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Keith Sietstra  
Pastor Mike Molenaar

**MUSICIANS**

David & Liz Gregg

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*“Blessed Assurance”*  
*“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*  
*“Amazing Grace”*

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Stephanie Else ~ Heather Allen ~ Rebecca Petersen  
Ashley Butterfield ~ Sarah Callies ~ Quinn Van Maanen  
Amanda Van Maanen ~ Debbie Gregg ~ Lauren Mills

**PALLBEARERS**

Tim Gregg ~ Jonathan Humphrey  
Joe Clover ~ Andrew Butterfield ~ David Gregg  
Miles Van Maanen ~ Trey Van Maanen ~ Jared Mills

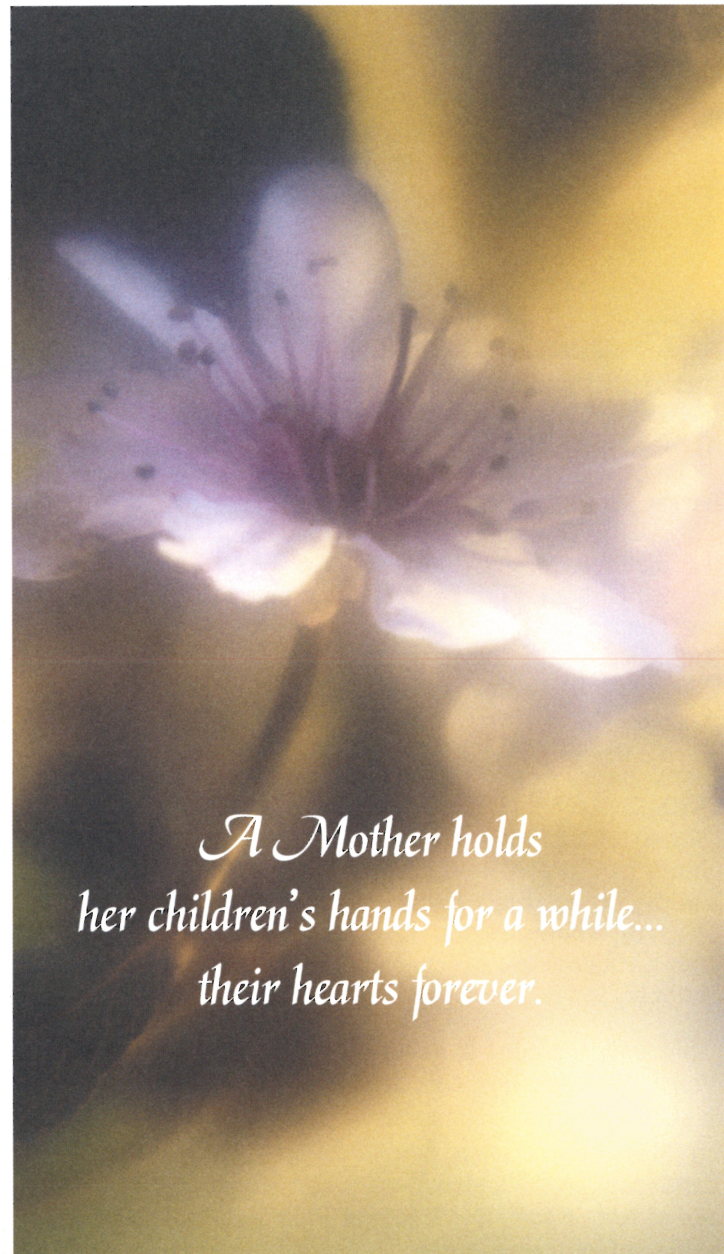
**INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Ruth’s family invites everyone for a time of food  
and fellowship in the Family Life Center.*

# 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.*



*A Mother holds  
her children's hands for a while...  
their hearts forever.*