



In Loving Memory of Betty



A heart of gold stopped beating
Hard working hands now rest
This has been one of life's challenges
But they do say, God only takes the best

We sat with you by your bedside
Our hearts became crushed and sore
We saw our duty through to the end
Until, we could do no more

A life of kindness and laughter
Your love for all the family so true
You did your best for all of us
And we will always remember you

You leave behind a legacy
So great, its beyond measure
Our hearts full of beautiful memories
So precious that we will treasure

You have been life's greatest blessing
A good friend to all that you knew
We take great comfort in knowing that
We are proud to have been a part of you

Until the time comes we meet again
Who knows how long that it will be
On behalf of your family & friends, we say
God bless and love you dear Betty.



Celebrating



THE LIFE OF

**Betty Elaine
Nedved**

DECEMBER 1, 1933 - APRIL 5, 2024

Betty Elaine Nedved, 90, of Garner, passed away peacefully Friday, April 5, 2024, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Betty was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend whose legacy of kindness and compassion will forever live on. Betty, the oldest of 7 children, was born December 1, 1933, in Meservey, Iowa, to Bernard and Ida (Koenen) Smit. She attended school in Meservey, graduating from Meservey Consolidated School in 1951. After high school, Betty worked at Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Garner. On December 9, 1953, she married Elmer Nedved at Albert Lea Presbyterian Church. They made their home on the family farm west of Hayfield, where they raised their four children, Arlyn, David, and twins, Jody and Judy.

Life on the farm had its challenges, but Betty always handled it with grace and resilience. The year after Elmer's stroke in 1981, they moved to their home in Hayfield. Betty began working at Hancock County Memorial Hospital in Britt as a cook in the dietary department, a role she cherished for nearly 20 years until her retirement in 1998. Her dedication to her work and the well-being of others was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a member of Upper Flat Evangelical Free Church north of Britt and enjoyed many social gatherings. Throughout her life, Betty's faith in God was unwavering, the constant rock for her family, living her life on the principles of love, kindness, hospitality, and generosity. She believed firmly in the power of prayer and was always ready to lend a helping hand with a joyful and positive spirit.

Betty found joy in the simple pleasures of life, whether it was preparing and serving meals for others, tending to her flowers and garden, observing the beauty of nature through bird watching, or spending quality time with her ever-growing family. In November 2019, she moved to Prairie View Apartments in Garner, where she continued to touch the lives of those around her with her warmth and grace. Her love knew no bounds, and her presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Though she may be gone from our sight, she leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and faith that will continue to inspire generations to come. May her soul rest in eternal peace with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and her spirit live on as a blessing to all who knew her.

Betty is survived by her four children, Arlyn (Mary) Nedved of Garner, David (Bertie) Nedved of Hayfield, Jody (Alan) Young of Waverly and Judy (Myron) Boekelman of Lakota; 11 grandchildren, Jill (Ross) Graham, Kim (Michael) Meyering, Laura (Josh) DeVries, Nathan (Andrea) Nedved, Aaron (Brea) Nedved, Bradley Nedved, Michelle (Tayler) Wegner, Rachel (Austin) Vrzak, Jordan Boekelman, Kelsey Young and Britney Young; 9 great-grandchildren, Kamri and Kensi Graham, Jace and Jensyn Meyering, Sophia DeVries, Ryer, BirinLee, and Ledger Nedved and Oliver Vrzak; siblings, Ione Hayungs, Lois Jenison, Alvin Smit and JoAnn (Mike) Ritter; sisters-in-law, Georgia Smit, Joann Smit, Donna Nedved and Joanne Nedved; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Elmer; brothers, Edward and Harlan Smit; brothers-in-law, Merrill Jenison, Ernie Hayungs, Arnold (Leola) Nedved, Donald Nedved, Aldrich Nedved, Jr.; and sister-in-law, Jackie Smit.

Celebrating the Life of
Betty Elaine Nedved

DECEMBER 1, 1933 – APRIL 5, 2024



FUNERAL SERVICE

Evangelical Free Church | Britt, Iowa
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

OFFICIATING

Jon Bliesmer

TRIBUTE TO BETTY

Britney Young

MUSIC

Deb Stevens, *Pianist* | Connie Swanson, *Song Leader*
Jay Burgardt, *Soloist*

Congregational Hymns

"In the Garden"

"Amazing Grace"

Special Music

"One Day at a Time"

"Softly and Tenderly"

USHERS

Dean Bertilson | Larry Fox

HONORARY BEARERS

Jill Graham | Kim Meyering | Laura DeVries
Michelle Wegner | Rachel Vrzak | Kelsey Young | Britney Young

CASKET BEARERS

Nathan Nedved | Aaron Nedved | Bradley Nedved
Jordan Boekelman | Michael Meyering | Ross Graham
Josh DeVries | Austin Vrzak | Tayler Wegner

BURIAL

Evergreen Cemetery | Britt, Iowa

The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the church fellowship hall immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.

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FUNERAL HOMES