



Gertrude “Gert” Vande Stouwe passed away on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at Avera Health. She was born on February 1, 1933, near Rock Valley, Iowa, the daughter of Ralph and Effie (Maassen) Van Ginkel. She grew up in the Inwood, Iowa area, graduating from Inwood High School.

On May 20, 1953, she married William “Bill” Vande Stouwe in rural Inwood. From 1954-56, they lived in Fort Lee, Virginia, while Bill served in the US Army. After Bill’s service in the Army,

they returned to Inwood where they farmed and raised their family. Gert enjoyed working in the laundry area at Fellowship Village and volunteering at the NRCS library. In March 2004, they retired to Rock Valley. Bill passed away in May 2007, after nearly 54 years of marriage. Gert moved to Aspen Heights Senior Living in September 2019 and to Whispering Heights in May 2023.

Gert loved spending time with her family, babysitting her grandchildren, crocheting, and traveling. Gert was a faithful member of the Netherlands Reformed Church.

Gert is survived by her five Children and Spouses – Randy (Carol) Vande Stouwe, Nancy (Mark) Van Otterloo, Todd (Kelley) Vande Stouwe, all of Inwood, Iowa; Cheryl (Rob) Driesen, Ireton, Iowa; Myra (Dale) Zomer, Harrisburg, South Dakota; her loving Grandchildren – Kristina (Joe) Tracy, Holly (Jason) Horstman, Jason (Taunia) Vande Stouwe; Elese Van Otterloo; Chenoa Vande Stouwe, Cheyenne Vande Stouwe; Michayla (Elie) Hofer, Jade Driesen, Sterling (Maria) Driesen, Lydia Driesen, Betsy Driesen; Cierra (Matt) Triplett, Damon (Brooklyn) Zomer, Mikiah (Andrew) Bailey, Taya Zomer, Mesa Zomer; and nine special Great-Grandchildren – KayLynn, Brooke and Max, Hadlee, Korbin and Ridge; Odin; Evelyn and Charlie.

She is also survived by one brother, John (Jeanette) Van Ginkel; three brothers-in-law, John Van Beek, Jr, Gerrit (Lois) Vande Stouwe, and Clarence (Faye) Vande Stouwe; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her father and mother-in-law; her brother, Everett (Hermina) Van Ginkel; her sisters, Roevina (Gilbert C.) Hoogendoorn, and Ethel Van Beek; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Jake (Margaret) Vande Stouwe and Alice (Albert) Bakker.

*In Loving Memory*  
***Gertrude Vande Stouwe***  
*February 1, 1933 ~ October 10, 2024*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30 AM, Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
Porter Funeral Home  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIANT**

Rev. J.J. Witvoet  
Netherlands Reformed Congregation

**ORGANIST**

Alma den Hoed

**PSALTERS**

“A Mindful God” #281  
“A Pilgrim’s Prayers” #246

**PALLBEARERS**

Mark Van Otterloo ~ Rob Driesen  
Dale Zomer ~ Jason Vande Stouwe  
Jade Driesen ~ Sterling Driesen ~ Damon Zomer

**MEMORIALS**

Netherlands Reformed Christian School  
Whispering Heights  
NRC Senior Living Fund

**INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Gert’s family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at Faith Church (1305 7th Street, Rock Valley) following the committal service at the cemetery.*

*And thine ears shall hear  
a word behind thee, saying,  
This is the way, walk ye in it,  
when ye turn to the right hand,  
and when ye turn to the left.*

*Isaiah 30:21*

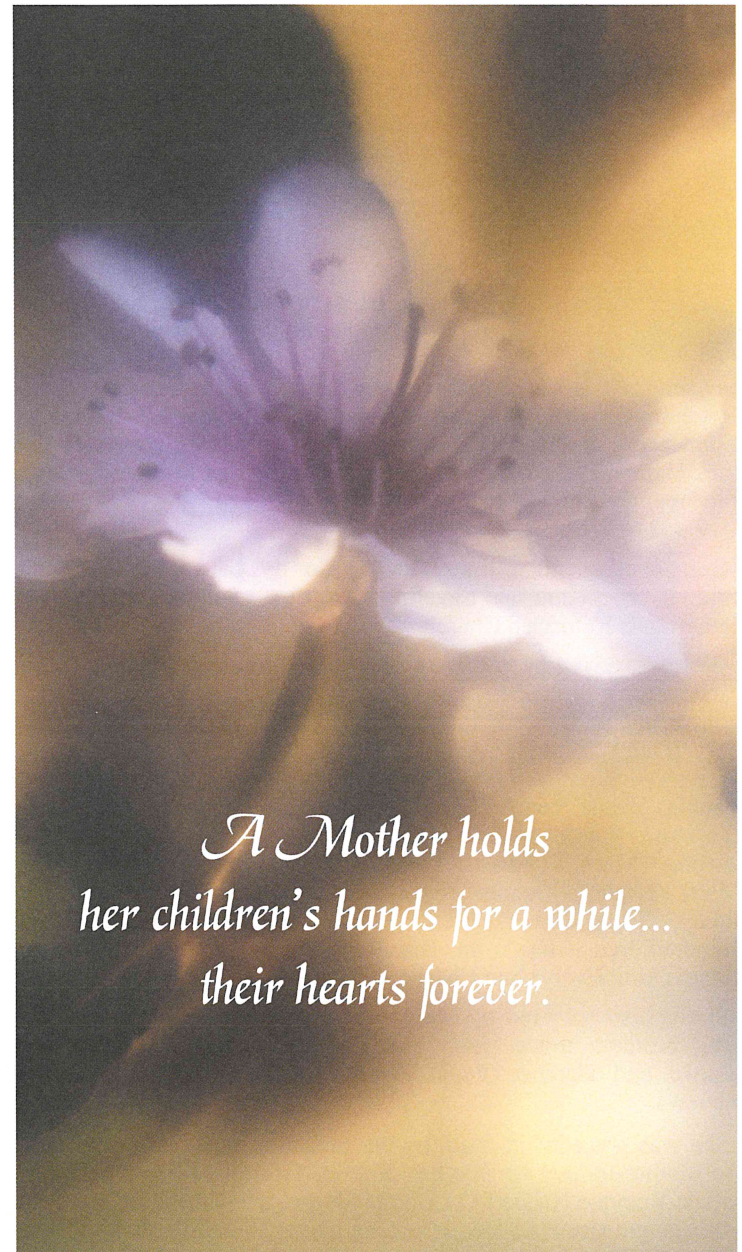
*For I am persuaded, that neither death,  
nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor powers, nor things present,  
nor things to come,  
Nor height, nor depth,  
nor any other creature,  
shall be able to separate us  
from the love of God,  
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 8:38-39*



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