

# Legacy OF Love

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You **TAUGHT US LOVE** and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us might.  
A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were **ALWAYS KIND**.  
You fought for us all in one way or another,  
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.  
For all us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll  
*Eternally Keep.*



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



Jeanette Van Kekerix, daughter of Maas and Hattie (Bleyenbergh) Vande Hoef, was born October 19, 1928, on the family farm near Ireton, Iowa. She attended school through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and then worked at an egg processing plant and later a grocery store in Sioux Center, Iowa. Jeanette then met Bert Van Kekerix and the couple was united in marriage in

Sioux Center on January 31, 1951. Together the couple made their home west of Rock Valley, Iowa where they farmed until Bert's death on August 10, 1978.

Jeanette remained on the farm until moving into Rock Valley in 1988. While living in town, Jeanette spent time volunteering with Meals On Wheels and also worked in the laundry department at Hegg Health Center. Jeanette enjoyed crocheting, puzzles, and playing games with family and friends. She cherished time spent with her family. Jeanette was a lifelong member of the Netherlands Reformed Congregation. Jeanette died Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley at the age of 94 years.

Jeanette is survived by her 4 children, Arlin (Geneva) Van Kekerix of Rock Valley, Marilyn (Harley) Berentschot of Inwood, Karen (Delbert) Cox of Rock Valley, and Berwyn (Kristi) Van Kekerix of Rock Valley; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; 2 step grandchildren; 3 step great-grandchildren; sister, Henrietta Van Beek of Rock Valley; and sisters-in-law, Marge Lems of Inwood and Gracie (Albert) Van Grootheest of Rock Valley.

Preceding Jeanette in death were her parents, Maas and Hattie Vande Hoef; husband, Bert Van Kekerix; granddaughter, Julie Van Ginkel; 3 brothers; 3 sisters; 7 brothers-in-law; and 4 sisters-in-law.

*In Loving Memory*  
***Jeanette Van Kekerix***  
*October 19, 1928 ~ April 26, 2023*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30 AM, Tuesday, May 2, 2023  
Porter Funeral Home  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. J.J. Witvoet  
Netherlands Reformed Congregation

**PIANIST**

Todd Van Kekerix

**CONGREGATIONAL PSALTERS**

*"God Our Help and Hope"*

Psalter #247

*"A Mindful God"*

Psalter #281

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Andrew Van Ginkel ~ Todd Van Kekerix  
Kyle Van Ginkel ~ Barry Van Kekerix ~ Elliot Van Kekerix

**PALLBEARERS**

Chad Berentschot ~ Clint Berentschot  
Marcus Van Kekerix ~ Bryant Van Kekerix  
Jonathan Van Ginkel ~ Nate Van Ginkel  
Scott Van Kekerix ~ Bruce Van Kekerix

**INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Jeanette's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at the First Reformed Church fellowship hall (1501 16th Street) following the committal service.*