

Effie Brands, daughter of James and Helena (Vander Zwaag) Van Veldhuizen, was born June 25, 1930, at a farmhouse near Inwood, Iowa. Effie grew up on various farms near Inwood, Rock Rapids, Hull, and Carmel, Iowa. She attended country schools near Hull and Carmel, graduating from the 8th grade. After 8th grade, Effie helped on the family farm.

On March 15, 1950, Effie was united in marriage to William Brands at the First Christian Reformed Church of Hull. Following their marriage they lived and farmed southwest of Rock Valley, Iowa, and north of Hull. Effie was a full-time homemaker, mother and helped Bill with chores on the farm. She also cleaned homes and businesses once a week. In 1999, Effie and Bill retired to Rock Valley. Bill passed away February 12, 2009.

Effie enjoyed gardening, fishing, bus tours, and traveling adventures. She looked forward to time spent with family and friends. Effie was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley as well as Ruth Circle.

In August of 2019, Effie moved to Aspen Heights in Hull, IA. For the next three years she enjoyed the activities and fellowship there until moving to Whispering Heights in Rock Valley in October of 2022. Effie passed away Friday, November 18, 2022, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 92.

Effie is survived by her 4 children, Don (Helen) Brands of Worthington, Minnesota, Bob (Wanda) Brands of Boyden, Iowa, Donna (Dave) Roghair of Sioux Center, Iowa, and Lori (Russ) Gradert of Hawarden, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sister, Joan (Milton) Vander Schaaf; and 2 brothers-in-law, Melvin Brands of Sanborn, Iowa and Albert (Alice) Brands of Mesa, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Helena Van Veldhuizen; and husband, Bill Brands.

## *Remembering the Life of Effie Brands*

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30 AM, Wednesday, November 23, 2022  
First Christian Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

### **OFFICIANT**

Rev. Matthew Haan

### **ACCOMPANIST**

Ranae Kooistra

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*  
Melissa Brands, soloist

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*  
*"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*  
*"What A Day That Will Be"*  
*"Victory In Jesus"*

### **PALLBEARERS**

Douglas Brands ~ Randy Brands ~ Austin Jon Brands  
Keith Roghair ~ Matthew Roghair ~ Ryan Gradert

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Daniel Brands ~ Travis Gradert ~ Melissa Brands  
Angie Diekevers ~ Abby Pedersen ~ Karissa Roghair

### **INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Effie's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the burial.*

## *In Loving Memory*

*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around her  
And whispered, "Come with Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away,  
Although we loved her dearly  
We could not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands to rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*



## *Effie Brands*

*June 25, 1930 ~ November 18, 2022*

