



Betty Bainbridge

May 8, 1923 - July 27, 2012

Betty Bainbridge was born May 8, 1923 to George and Evelyn Callenius of Granville, Iowa. She was raised on the family farm, attended country school during her primary years and graduated from Paullina High School. Betty married Dudley Bainbridge of Paullina, Iowa in 1941. They lived and farmed near Paullina and together raised three children. After her children became adults, she attended college at Northwestern, Orange City, Iowa. Betty continued to care for those around her by becoming a special education teacher and later a nurse.

Betty enjoyed gardening and dancing; which she accomplished well and of course singing; which she did not. She was also an ardent reader, enthusiastic cook and avid garage-saler. "Grandma B" was always ready to put on a feast for family and friends and could whip up a meal with anything from rabbit and elk to more traditional Iowan cuisine, including family-favorite "Pride of Iowa" cookies. During retirement Betty lived in Okoboji, Iowa with her late husband, Gale Bainbridge. Betty was able to fulfill a dream of seeing the world, traveling throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Greenland, Europe and Asia.

Betty is survived by her sons, James Bainbridge of Henderson, Nevada; David (Cyndi) Bainbridge of Arvada, Colorado; her daughter, Georgene (Bill) Bainbridge-Matthew of Bakersfield, California and her four grandchildren, Benjamin, Jessica, Alexander and Garret.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands and brother, Donald Callenius.

July 27, 2012 Betty lost her long battle with Alzheimer's. During that battle she was comforted by many neighbors and community members who assisted her in coping with diminishing capabilities, including the employees of Keelson Harbour, Hilltop Care Center and Home Again. The family is grateful to those in her church who provided love, compassion and most importantly companionship during her illness.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00P.M. Tuesday, at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty! I miss you already! You made such an impact in my life, I miss everything about you! I cannot express how much I miss you! God will take care of you! I pray for the best for you! I took care of you and got to know you anyone would be lucky to know you! May all of your dreams come true in heaven! God bless you gorgeous women!*

*Love Hannah Kosbab!
xoxoxo*

Hannah Kosbab - August 12, 2012 at 11:34 PM

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“ *I had the honor of sitting by Betty the last three years at the Keelson Harbour Luau and sharing some food and many smiles. Betty had a beautiful smile and a kind soul, she is now whole and at peace. May God be with each of you as you prepare to celebrate Betty's life on earth and her homecoming in heaven.*

Kelly Schultz Respite Angels - July 28, 2012 at 03:34 PM