



Betty M. Dodds

February 4, 1927 - April 20, 2019

Betty M. Dodds, 92, of Spirit Lake passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Lakeside Lutheran Home in Emmetsburg. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 26, 2019 at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. Burial will take place in the Lakeland Memory Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. Betty Mae Thompson Dodds was born February 4, 1927, the youngest child of James Andrew Thompson and Rebecca Welch Thompson in Knoxville, Iowa. She grew up in the Knoxville area babysitting for her nieces and nephews, working in the overall factory for a time, and also working for her future father-in-law in his grocery store.

Betty was united into marriage to Kenneth Norman Dodds at Indianola, Iowa on February 20, 1946. They made their home in Knoxville and Everly before coming to Spirit Lake in 1952 where Kenneth began farming. Betty helped Kenneth on the farm until 1957 when she took a job as cook at the Spirit Lake Community School System. Betty left the school for a short time in the 70's to complete her GED and take some secretarial courses at Iowa Lakes Community College. She worked for a short time for the Dickinson County Assessors Office but she returned to the school because of vision problems. She retired from the school system in 1989.

After she retired they spent many winters in Texas and traveled with friends

before Kenneth fell ill. After that Betty spent much time baking, playing cards and having coffee with friends and family. Things she truly cherished.

In April, 2011 Betty moved to Lakeside Lutheran Home in Emmetsburg because of health problems. She passed away April 20, 2019 at Lakeside. Betty was a member of the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters Norma (Jerry) VanHorsen of Harrisburg, SD; and Reba (Alan) Munson of Spirit Lake, IA. Five Grandchildren Valerie Van Horssen of Sioux Falls, SD and Christina Van Horssen of Harrisburg, SD; Amy (Damon) Radcliffe; Eric (Jennifer) Munson of Spirit Lake, IA and Veronica (Carlos) Ramirez of Chapala, Mexico. Seven Great-grandchildren Walker and Chandler Radcliffe, Ian and Addison Munson of Spirit Lake, IA; Cayden Van Horssen of Harrisburg, SD; Brenda Ochoa and Caleb Ramirez of Chapala, Mexico. Many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, granddaughter Jennifer Van Horssen, six brothers and one sister.

Cemetery Details

Lakeland Memory Gardens

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
1812 Gary Ave
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Service

APR **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



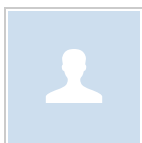
Robinson Funeral Home - April 25, 2019 at 03:31 PM

BW

“ *Bev Wittler lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Bev Wittler - April 25, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Betty M. Dodds.*



April 25, 2019 at 02:31 PM

AK

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss. I thought of her so often and missed her laughter and quick wit. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. Arlene Krogman*

Arlene Krogman - April 25, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty M. Dodds.*



April 24, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ *Duane and Willia Mueske purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Betty M. Dodds.*



Duane and Willia Mueske - April 24, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ *Lynn Greimann Hassebroek lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Lynn Greimann Hassebroek - April 24, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ *Connie Weimer lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Connie Weimer - April 24, 2019 at 06:56 AM

BW

“ Norma, Reba and families so sorry to here of your Mother and Grandmothers passing. She was a beautiful and wonderful lady. My Deepest Sympathy goes out to all of you at this time.

Betty (Phillips) Wernimont - April 23, 2019 at 06:10 PM

DB

“ My sympathy to your family.

Dayle Brooks

Dayle Brooks - April 23, 2019 at 02:05 PM



GB

“ Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds

Greg & Dee Baloun - April 23, 2019 at 10:09 AM



KK

“ Karen Krieger lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds

Karen Krieger - April 22, 2019 at 07:53 PM



KP

“ *Kathy Perkins lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Kathy Perkins - April 22, 2019 at 07:24 PM

BD

“ *Bill And Bonnie Duhn sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Bill and Bonnie Duhn - April 22, 2019 at 01:04 PM

BD

Norma and Reba, So sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. We have many great memories of your Mom and Dad. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bill and Bonnie Duhn - April 22, 2019 at 01:04 PM

DR

“ *Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Doug and Barb Ricke - April 22, 2019 at 12:21 PM

KW

“ *Kristie & Tim Wintz sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Kristie & Tim Wintz - April 22, 2019 at 11:38 AM

NR

“ *Nancy Reiman sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Nancy Reiman - April 22, 2019 at 10:42 AM

JL

“ *Julie Lande lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Julie Lande - April 22, 2019 at 09:12 AM

DK

“ *Doug And Sally Kness lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Doug and Sally Kness - April 21, 2019 at 08:25 AM

JC

“ *Jeff And Linda Christoffer sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - April 21, 2019 at 08:21 AM

BA

“ *Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Betty M. Dodds*



Beverly Atwell - April 21, 2019 at 03:05 AM