



Betty J. Chindlund

June 9, 1930 - February 19, 2026

Betty J. Chindlund, age 95, of Storm Lake, Iowa went home to Heaven on February 19, 2026 after a long and beautiful life.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, February 27, 2026 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Memorials will be given to Hope Evangelical Free Church of Storm Lake, Iowa and Bott Christian Radio of Sioux Rapids, Iowa. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Betty Jacqueline Pollard was born on June 9, 1930, in LeMars, Iowa, to John T. Pollard and Ruth E. (Lownes) Pollard. She had fond memories of her time as a small child on the farm outside of Merrill, Iowa. She and her mother moved into town sometime after her father's death, making their home on Main Street among a special community of neighbors who looked out for them. When Betty was nine, her mother began treatment for breast cancer and was in and out of hospitals and care centers. Betty remembered dressing her mother's wounds and caring for her when she would return home, displaying her courage, compassion, and tenacity, even as a young girl. Her mother died three years later, leaving Betty an orphan at the age of twelve.

In the years to follow, Betty stayed with and worked for various families in Merrill and Lake View, IA, Ottawa, IL, and, finally, Alta, IA, cleaning their homes and caring for their kids to earn her room & board.

Betty attended Alta High school as a teenager while also working at Peterson's Grocery Store and Polar's Dairy during the school year, and the Lake Cafe in Storm Lake during the summers. She especially enjoyed biology/anatomy, history/geography, and choir, subjects she continued to pursue in various fashion throughout her life. She graduated in 1949 and cherished her dear classmates, maintaining and celebrating these friendships and memories at many class reunions.

Betty met Bill Chindlund, a 1946 graduate of Hayes School, during her sophomore year of high school. They started dating and, as their relationship grew, Betty found the family life she had been longing for with Bill and his family. The couple were united in marriage on July 24, 1949, at Alta United Methodist Church.

Bill and Betty soon moved to a farm southwest of Rembrandt, Iowa. In the decade that followed, five children were born to the couple. When their youngest child was nine, the couple welcomed twin girls into the family.

Daily life was busy as Betty diligently cared for her ever-growing family, farming husband, and community in meaningful ways, including countless household tasks, cooking/baking, gardening/canning, and church activities, while also keeping up with the children's school and extra-curricular activities and ministering to extended family, friends, and neighbors.

Betty was a beautiful example of faithfulness in her role as wife as she lovingly cared for Bill, supported his work and other interests, and ministered to him spiritually. She fed countless farm hands and delivered many lunches

to the fields through the years, and spent nearly 50 years as the administrative assistant in Bill's truck equipment business, answering customer calls or offering coffee and cookies to customers around the kitchen table.

A people-person with a special zest for life, Betty yearned to make the most of any experience for herself and others, always seeking to make things beautiful, meaningful, or fun. Family gatherings and family photos were especially valued. Through the years, family members came to treasure the beautiful birthday cakes she decorated and the birthday cards with her personal, hand-written letters tucked inside. She continued to send cards/letters to each of her nearly 90 family members until her 92nd year. Friends and neighbors were also encouraged as Betty shared meals, baked goods, thoughtful notes, or flowers in their time of need.

Betty dearly appreciated the beauty, creativity, and friendships she experienced in various roles in her community. In 1969, in celebration of recently becoming a mother of twins, Betty helped create a local chapter of Mothers of Twins Clubs of Iowa and was honored to design the logo for the club with two little babies' faces inside a rosebud. In the early 1970's, she was one of two charter members of the Buena View Federated Garden Club, where she participated as an active member/officer for over 40 years. She enjoyed growing plants of all kinds, learning new things, teaching others, competing in annual garden shows, and beautifying the community. Having passed this love for gardening and beauty onto her family, beautiful blooms will forever remind them of Betty.

From the time she was a little girl, Betty always knew God was with her and put her faith in Jesus as her Savior. Betty's faith helped her to meet both joys and trials with her characteristic determination and optimism. She was an

active member of Center Grove Evangelical Free Church (Alta) for 45 years and, later, Hope Evangelical Free Church (Storm Lake), faithfully serving in many capacities through the years, always with a heart to glorify God and to help others know and grow in their relationship with him. Special among these was her love for the children in Cradle Roll and Sunday School, harmonizing in special music groups, and regularly bringing flower arrangements from her garden for the communion table. Additionally, she faithfully lifted loved ones and circumstances up to the Lord in prayer.

Beyond church participation, Betty was an avid listener of Christian Radio, soaking up the biblical teaching and educating herself about troubling societal trends. With deep conviction and a desire to make a difference in her community and the world, she began advocating for biblical/traditional values by working with various organizations and campaigning for conservative politics. Her boldness, courage, and perseverance, even in the face of opposition or ridicule, inspired many.

Betty leaves this earth having lived a life of faith and strength, ever ready with a bright smile and an encouraging word. She loved Jesus, loved people, and diligently sought to bring God's truth, love, and beauty to the world around her. She was a blessing to many and will be greatly missed.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her parents-in-law, Les & Pearl Chindlund, her half-brother and sister-in-law, Bill & Mickie Pollard, her half-sister, Mae Pollard, and her husband, Bill Chindlund. Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Alan (Barb) Chindlund (Marshfield, MO), Annie Bade (Denver, CO), Sue (Craig) Boyd (Storm Lake), Norm (Robin) Chindlund (Spencer, IA), Jeff (Jean) Chindlund (Storm Lake), Joan (Jeff) Haugen (Cottage Grove, MN), and Jennifer (Rod) Hartwig (Panora, IA), as well as her grandchildren and their families, Chris Chindlund (Springfield, MO), Jaimie Foulk (Columbia, MO), Erin Price (Camdenton, MO), Megan Evans

(Centennial, CO), Tonja Jenkins (Ames, IA), Luke Boyd (Ankeny, IA), Levi Boyd (Omaha, NE), Tyler Boyd (Polk City, IA), Nicole Stauffer (Indianola, IA), Melanie Cavil (Defuniak Springs, FL), Andrew Chindlund (Des Moines, IA), Sarah Chindlund (Storm Lake), Benjamin Haugen (Davenport, IA), Spencer Haugen (St. Paul, MN), Thomas Haugen (Ankeny, IA), Jacob Hartwig (Atlantic, IA), Alex Hartwig (Lubbock, TX), and Jessica Hartwig (Waukee, IA), along with her sister- and brother-in-law, Jan (Roy) Vogel (Bella Vista, AR) and many dear nieces & nephews.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Municipal Cemetery

E Lakeshore Dr
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
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Funeral Service

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake
211 East 3rd Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty J. Chindlund*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 27 at 10:52 AM



“ *Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund*



Sally Rassler - March 14 at 10:23 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 27 at 12:20 PM

BV

“ Brian V. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty J. Chindlund.

Brian V. - February 26 at 09:22 PM

BV

“ Brian, Geno, Andrea, and Daniel Vogel lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund



Brian, Geno, Andrea, and Daniel Vogel - February 26 at 09:20 PM

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Brian, Geno, Andrea, and Daniel Vogel - February 26 at 09:19 PM

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“ Brian Vogel lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund



Brian Vogel - February 26 at 09:16 PM

BH

“ Brad, Ann, and Kyle Hartwig purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betty J. Chindlund.



Brad, Ann, and Kyle Hartwig - February 26 at 05:38 PM

YP

“ Your friends at Panorama. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty J. Chindlund.



Your friends at Panorama. - February 25 at 06:20 PM

YP

“ Your friends at Panorama. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty J. Chindlund.

Your friends at Panorama. - February 25 at 06:20 PM

LM

“ Loreen Moneyppenny lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund



Loreen Moneyppenny - February 22 at 09:28 PM

SM

“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Steve and Barb Meyer - February 22 at 05:01 PM

TB

“ Tim, Crystal, Bev, and Blythe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty J. Chindlund.



Tim, Crystal, Bev, and Blythe - February 22 at 01:07 PM

SL

“ Sue Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund



Sue Lloyd - February 22 at 12:09 PM

SS

Betty was a wonderful person. It was an honor to know her and Bill for many years. Wes and Sue Stille

Susan Stille - February 23 at 01:41 PM

PR

“ Pat Ryherd lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund



Pat Ryherd - February 22 at 09:14 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Betty J. Chindlund.



February 22 at 07:00 AM

FP

“ From Tim and Brenda Pollard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty J. Chindlund.



From Tim and Brenda Pollard - February 21 at 06:22 PM

FP

“ From Tim and Brenda Pollard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Chindlund.

From Tim and Brenda Pollard - February 21 at 06:22 PM

KM

“ *Karla, Shelby, Cathy, and Marie purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Betty J. Chindlund.*



Karla, Shelby, Cathy, and Marie - February 21 at 12:35 PM

RR

“ *Rich & Jene Robinson lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund*



Rich & Jene Robinson - February 21 at 11:56 AM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund*



John/Connie Demers - February 20 at 09:43 PM

BC

“ *Bryan & Sara Carlson lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund*



Bryan & Sara Carlson - February 20 at 01:07 PM

BB

“ Jeff sorry for the loss of your mother. May God Bless You and your family.
Bob Baschke



Bob Baschke - February 20 at 09:41 AM

CR

“ connie roche lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund



connie roche - February 19 at 07:59 PM

CW

“ So sorry for the loss of Betty. She was such a great lady. Cheryl Carpenter Winterhof

Cheryl Winterhof - February 19 at 07:41 PM

LB

“ Lloyd & Nora Boettcher lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund



Lloyd & Nora Boettcher - February 19 at 07:25 PM

SS

“ Steven & Colleen Swanson lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund



Steven & Colleen Swanson - February 19 at 06:57 PM

DM

“ Don and Pat Miller purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty J. Chindlund.



Don and Pat Miller - February 19 at 05:05 PM

DM

“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Chindlund.

Don and Pat Miller - February 19 at 05:05 PM

SB

“ Scott and Kristin Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Betty Chindlund



Scott and Kristin Bodholdt - February 19 at 03:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty J. Chindlund.* ”



February 19 at 03:02 PM