



## Betty Menning

January 5, 1927 - June 5, 2018

Betty Menning, age 91, of Alta, Iowa died June 5, 2018 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

A Celebration of Life will take place Friday, June 8, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta. Burial will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta. Visitation will take place Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Elizabeth (Betty) Menning, 91, of Alta, IA, passed over to Heaven peacefully, June 5, 2018. She was born third of three girls to Rokus (Roy) C. and Minnie (Beukelman) Vos, January 5, 1927, in her parent's farm home in Murray County, MN. Betty graduated from Sioux Center High in 1945. Upon graduation she worked as a telephone operator for four years while living at home, before marrying Carlton Abraham Menning on May, 25, 1950, in his parent's home.

Betty is preceded in death by her father and mother; her sister Barbara Dorothy Dorhout; her sister Dorothy Elizabeth Babcock; and her great-granddaughter Ruth Willow Menning (stillborn daughter of Jeremy and Melissa Menning). She will be greatly missed by her husband of 68 years, Carl, and four children: Paul and Jane (Ponsor) of Olathe, KS; Linda and Wes

Holmes of Alta, IA; Gregg and Diane (Appleseth) of Northfield, MN; John and Jeree (Carlson) of Fremont, NE; fourteen grandchildren; and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Mom took a knitting class at South School sometime in the 60's for \$6. She said it was the best \$6 she ever spent. Wherever she went, her knitting needles and latest project went with her. She knitted countless afghans, baby blankets, Christmas stockings, and mittens, as well as teaching grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She even taught an aid while at Methodist Manor. After losing a mitten at school, John told the teacher not to worry; his mom would knit a new one for him when he got home.

Growing up during the Great Depression had a profound effect on the way she lived, saved, and spent money. Baking was an everyday part of life... buying flour by the twenty-five-pound bag. Few visitors left her home without a bucket of cookies or homemade bread. She also had a reputation for making homemade cherry nut ice cream, and a Swedish Nut Cake, even though she was of Dutch descent.

Hard work and service came naturally for her. She and dad mowed the cemetery lawn while in their eighties. She often drove residents of nursing homes to appointments, never accepting payment.

Mom loved trees. She and dad would "discuss" how high he could trim them - usually high enough so he didn't hit his head when he mowed, but not high enough to let the grass grow well underneath. She even named one "Procrastination" because it grew so close to the garage that it couldn't be cut down.

Nothing defined Mom more than her faith in God, and His plan for her life (Jeremiah 29:11). In the last months of her life, knowing that she was going to

see her Savior sustained her. A well-worn and underlined Bible gives testament to her love for God's Word. Whether it was a Bible study, mission trip, or helping build a new worship center, she was there... with cookies.

Thanks, Mom...

Visitation will be held at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta, IA, on Thursday, June 7, 2018, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. The funeral will be held at Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta on Friday, June 8, 2018, at 2:30pm. The internment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts will be divided between Summit Evangelical Free Church and Oakdale Evangelical Free Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Alta  
301 Alta Vista Street  
Alta, IA 51002  
(712) 284-2141  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 2:30 PM (CT)

Summit Evangelical Free Church  
1000 S. Main St.  
Alta, IA 51002

## Interment

JUN 8. 3:30 PM (CT)

Woodlawn  
Alta, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Menning*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - June 06, 2018 at 07:26 PM

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“ *Ann (Vos) Greenawalt lit a candle in memory of Betty Menning*



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**Ann (Vos) Greenawalt** - June 13, 2018 at 09:43 AM

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“ *I first met Betty when we both worked at Siefer Consultants. She quickly became one of the most inspiring people I knew and I loved her dearly. She was truly a light in this world. My sincere condolences to her beloved family. I know Betty is in Glory with her Saviour and probably baking and knitting gifts for all her friends and family with whom she is reunited. God bless you all!*

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**Ann Onnen** - June 08, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ Kate lit a candle in memory of Betty Menning



kate - June 08, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ Ann Onnen lit a candle in memory of Betty Menning



Ann Onnen - June 08, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Menning.



June 07, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 07, 2018 at 01:27 PM

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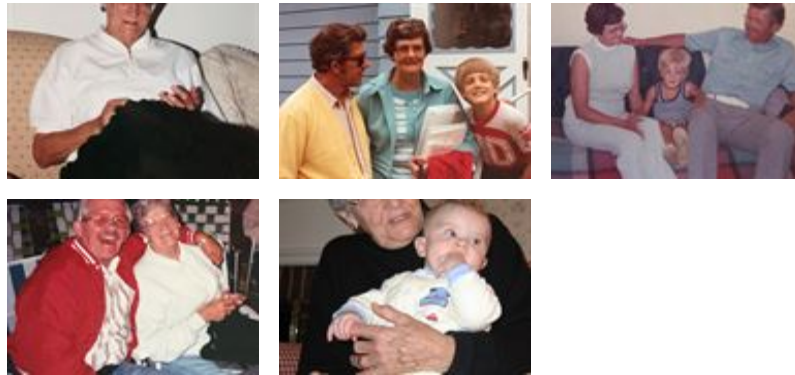
“ *The Paul Shannon Family lit a candle in memory of Betty Menning*



The Paul Shannon Family - June 07, 2018 at 01:14 PM



“ *94 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 06, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Betty Menning.*



June 06, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Betty Menning.*



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June 06, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Betty Menning.*



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June 05, 2018 at 10:35 PM