



Geneva L. Betz

May 5, 1925 - April 25, 2013

Geneva Betz, age 87, of Albert City, Iowa died April 25, 2013 at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Albert City. Geneva Louise Kruse was born on May 5, 1925 to Fred and Hattie (Brummer) Kruse. She was raised on the family farm, near Albert City, and attended a country school near her home as a child. On November 9, 1950, Geneva was united in marriage to Phillip Howard Betz at St. John's United Church of Christ in rural Newell. Together, they were blessed with four children: Linda, June, Betty and Terry. Geneva lived her entire life in the Albert City and Newell area and was a lifelong member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Newell, until it recently closed. She, then, enjoyed attending services at the Congregational Church in Newell. She worked at Pleasant View Nursing Home as an aide. After a heart attack in 1980, she enjoyed babysitting in her home for many years. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She cherished making memories with her family and was always interested in what her grandchildren were doing. In her retirement, she enjoyed baking delicious bread and going on weekend outings with her family. Taking care of her flower garden and feeding birds brought her much joy. Geneva is survived by daughters: Linda Gutel and her husband Dave of Storm Lake; June Betz-Calderon and her husband Rick of Houston, Texas; Betty Swenson and her husband Glen of Albert City; son, Terry Betz and his wife Toni of Spencer; seven grandchildren: Amy (Dave) Huebner of Hawarden; Heather (Andres) Torres of Omaha, Nebraska; Brent Gutel of Storm Lake; Kyle (Jennifer) Swenson of Albert City;

Karla (Josh) Dahlin of Ankeny; Ashley Betz of Vermillion, South Dakota; and Trevor Betz of Spencer; great grandson, Levi Huebner; brothers: Rollie (Ardyce) Kruse and Roger (Jane) Kruse of Albert City; sisters: Jeanette Boese of Storm Lake and Verna Olson of Albert City; sister-in-law, Arlene (Gilbert) Grienke of Aurelia; nieces, nephews and many other loving relatives and friends. Preceding Geneva in death were her husband, Phillip Betz; parents, Fred and Hattie Kruse; an infant brother; parents-in-law, Roy and Catherine Betz; brothers-in-law: LeRoy Betz, Roger Olson and Kenneth Boese.