



## Betty Mae Pugh

September 25, 1943 - October 14, 2021

Cedar Falls – Betty Mae Pugh, 78, went to be with our Lord October 14, 2021, at Nation Cottage in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Betty was born September 25, 1943, in Waterloo, Iowa to Joe and Ethel Michel. She lived in Washburn and La Porte City the majority of her life before moving to Cedar Falls in 2014.

After graduating Orange Township High School in 1962, Betty held a variety of jobs all focused on one thing she loved most, working with people. Starting out as an Avon Lady and ending as a Customer Service Representative at VGM & Associates. Betty loved making new friends and helping people.

Betty spent 47 years married the love of her life, Emrys “Em” Pugh. They were married at Calvary Bible Church in Washburn, Iowa in November of 1962.

They were inseparable until Em’s passing in July of 2009. They raised two daughters, Jo and Jean. Betty loved her grandchildren, traveling, gardening, attending Christian music concerts, volunteering at the Food Pantry at Heartland Community Church in La Porte City, shopping, decorating and cooking. She was also very involved in many activities at Riverview Christian Conference Center, where she built a home and lived for 4 years.

Betty is survived by her daughters Jo (Dan) Kramer of Waterloo and Jean (Bill) Fajen of West Des Moines, and her sweet dog, Ella. She is also survived by her two grandchildren, Heather and Noah whom she loved with all of her heart. The lasting memories she has created for her family are both precious and playful.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Ethel; her husband, Emrys; her brothers James Michel and Charles Michel; her sister JoAnne Swanson.

A private graveside service will be held at Washburn Cemetery in Washburn, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family. Online guestbook at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

# Tribute Wall

FM

“ Dear Jo, Jean and families,  
Sending my thoughts and prayers your way. Your Mom was one-of-kind that I have missed these past years around the church. But there is quite a reunion from the Trinity/Heartland family to join her. She has Anthony playing the piano until it smokes with your Dad beside her in the front row. What a celebration with Jesus!  
Your girls are loved and will always have a special place in my heart.  
In His love, Florence Monteith

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**Florence Monteith** - October 19, 2021 at 01:59 PM

TN

“ Betty was one of my volunteers at Riverview Conference Center for concerts. She loved people and serving. Such a sweet lady. She also loved listening to the Southern Gospel groups that came through. She loved Jesus. So glad she is now with her Lord.

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**Tracy Noyes** - October 19, 2021 at 01:40 PM

RP

“ Jo Jean and families,  
Please accept our deepest sympathy. We have so many fond memories with your folks at Trinity Wesleyan. From Sunday School classes/parties, bonfires, VBS, and Couples Retreat. Your Dad was always the quiet one and your Mom had that great giggle (teehee). We will be praying for you during these difficult days. She is now rejoicing with your Dad and her Lord and Savior Jesus!  
In His Name,  
Rick and Joan Palmer

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**Rick/Joan Palmer** - October 18, 2021 at 09:29 AM

JF

*Thank you for the kind words and the fond memories. Yes, Mom and Dad are together again with the Lord. Appreciate the note!*

**Jean Fajen** - October 18, 2021 at 01:32 PM

MP

“ *My sincere sympathy to Jean, Bill and Noah!*



**Marcia Pepper** - October 17, 2021 at 12:13 PM

JF

*Thanks Marcia. Love you!*

**Jean Fajen** - October 18, 2021 at 01:38 PM

DA

“ *Debbie Michel Artegian lit a candle in memory of Betty Mae Pugh*



**Debbie Michel Artegian** - October 17, 2021 at 08:40 AM

DA

*Aunt Betty was a great aunt always loving and caring. Remembering all the fun times at her house in my younger years skinny dipping in the pool at midnight....lol me stepping on a painted poster board and her saying "Debbie debbie". You will be missed*

**Debbie Michel Artegian** - October 17, 2021 at 08:44 AM

JF

*Thanks Debbie. I still remember the paint incident too. Ha ha*

**Jean Fajen** - October 17, 2021 at 09:39 AM