



Betty Lee Schmidt

May 22, 1933 - October 8, 2024

Betty Lee Schmidt, 91, died Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at the Kahl Home in Davenport, IA.

Betty was born May 22, 1933, in Grundy Center, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph and Elise Westergaard Dinnebier, Jr. She graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1951 and worked for many years as an Office Manager at Stoddard Manufacturing and Brandco. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls.

In June of 1953, Betty married Orlen Schmidt and they had a daughter and a son; they later divorced.

Betty loved music, singing, and dancing, and could play most of the instruments in the high school band. She loved entertaining family and friends; playing cards and board games; reading; and cooking and baking, especially her sugar cookies and pumpkin bars. Over the years, Betty had three Pekinese dogs who she loved and spoiled terribly. Betty loved kids and they loved spending time with her, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her nieces and nephews, and all the neighbor's and friends' children who also called her grandma.

Betty lost her home of more than 33 years in Cedar Falls to the flood in June

2008, and suffered many health issues during her life, but her resilience and spirit kept her going, even in times when she had to start over from scratch.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Cindy Mohr of Bettendorf, IA and her son, Joe (Gail) Schmidt of New Richland, MN; three grandchildren: Becky (Scott) Schroeder of Davenport, IA, Josh (Julie) Mohr of Bettendorf, IA, and Dan (Tina) Schmidt of New Richland, MN; seven great-grandchildren: Chloe Mohr, Lucy Schroeder, Miles Schroeder, Harrison Mohr, Randy Mohr, Tayler Schmidt and Brendan Schmidt; and several nieces and nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents; and three sisters, Jo Ann Dinnebier, Loma Lusthoff, and Mary Jo Elbert.

Family will receive friends and family from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Thursday, October 17, 2024, at the Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. A private interment with immediate family will take place later at the Reinbeck Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Hospice Support Foundation (7755 3rd Street N, Suite 200, Oakdale, MN 55128-5442).

Cemetery Details

Reinbeck Cemetery

Reinbeck, IA

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilea Schmidt and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Lee Schmidt.*

Marilea Schmidt and family - October 15, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Lee Schmidt.*



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“ *The Elberts purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Betty Lee Schmidt.*



The Elberts - October 14, 2024 at 07:50 PM



“ *The Elberts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Lee Schmidt.*

The Elberts - October 14, 2024 at 07:50 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Lee Schmidt.* ”



October 14, 2024 at 09:34 AM