



## Doris Heerts

September 19, 1947 - September 17, 2025

Doris Heerts, 77, died on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at Western Home Communities, Creekside in Grundy Center.

She was born on September 19, 1947, in Waverly, Iowa, the daughter of Bennie and Margaret (Ridder) Adolphs. She graduated from New Hartford Community School in the class of 1965. She then attended the University of Northern Iowa, where she double majored in music education and piano performance. She later earned her master's degree in administration. On June 24, 1966, she was united in marriage to Steven Paul Heerts at Lincoln Center Christian Reformed Church in rural Dike.

She started her career as a music teacher for Clarksville Community Schools before later serving as the high school principal at Mayville, WI and Allison-Bristow Schools in Iowa. Most recently Doris worked as an elementary vocal music teacher for Waterloo Schools before her retirement in 2015. She also taught numerous private piano students. Doris was active in many church activities at Orchard Hill Church where she served a term on Consistory, played piano and organ, taught kids music, and served on the Senior Ministries Committee. Doris also served for a time on the board of the Cedar Falls Bible Conference.

Doris is survived by her husband, Steven of New Hartford; sons, Jason

(Sarah) and Timothy (Anna) Heerts both of New Hartford, and Daniel (Shelly) Heerts of Holmen, WI; grandchildren, Hannah, Andrew, Seth, Caleb, Joshua, Aaron, Michah, Elijah, John, Eve, Steven and Samuel; and brother, Darrel (Lisa) Adolphs of Miles, IA.

She was preceded in death by parents and two brothers, Marvin and Kenneth Adolphs.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 23rd at the church. Private family interment at Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford.

Memorials may be directed to the family or the Cedar Falls Bible Conference.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

New Hartford, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Orchard Hill Church  
3900 Orchard Hill Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Funeral Service

SEP **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Orchard Hill Church  
3900 Orchard Hill Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Doris Heerts.*



September 23, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *So sorry for your families loss, I remember Mrs. Heerts from when i delivered the Des Moines Register and she substituted at New Hartford when I was there. Hugs to your family.*

**AMY SIMON** - September 22, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doris Heerts.*



September 22, 2025 at 12:54 PM



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

September 22, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Doris Heerts.*



September 22, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Doris and Steve have been friends of my family since I was a young man growing up in New Hartford. Doris became my K-12 Vocal Music instructor while I was Principal at Clarksville. Doris was an excellent teacher and demanded the best from her students. She had the best sounding choir in the 35 years I spent there. When she left for an administration position, her son replaced her and later one of her own students. Doris Heerts made a huge impact on kids! She was a devoted administrator, teacher, wife and mother. It was a privilege to work with her. My deepest sympathy to her lifelong soul mate Steve and family.*

*Robert Saathoff*

*Rob*

**ROBERT P SAATHOFF** - September 21, 2025 at 03:11 PM



*Mr. Saathoff couldn't have said it any better. I was blessed to have Mrs. Heerts while in high school. She taught us so much and made a lasting impact on not only myself, but other students as well. We just had a girls weekend and spoke fondly (and jokingly) of some of our song choices and performances throughout the years with her. My thoughts and prayers to you all.*

**Kim Jenison** - September 23, 2025 at 09:26 AM

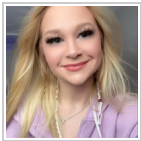
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“ *Dave & Anne Johnson Jill & Thomas Walker purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Doris Heerts.*



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**Dave & Anne Johnson Jill & Thomas Walker** - September 20, 2025 at 11:34 PM

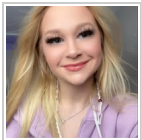


“ *Hannah Heerts lit a candle in memory of Doris Heerts*



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**Hannah Heerts** - September 20, 2025 at 03:02 AM



“ *Hannah Heerts sent a virtual gift in memory of Doris Heerts*



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**Hannah Heerts** - September 20, 2025 at 03:01 AM

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“ *Love, Anna, Hannah & Andrew purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Doris Heerts.*



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**Love, Anna, Hannah & Andrew** - September 20, 2025 at 12:28 AM