



Elizabeth "Bette" Anderson

April 3, 1919 - November 27, 2016

Elizabeth "Bette" Anderson (1919-2016)

WATERLOO – Elizabeth "Bette" Anderson, 97, of Waterloo died Sunday, November 27, 2016 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

She was born April 3, 1919 in Waterloo, daughter of Edwin R. and Clara (Appel) Aschenbrenner. She married Ralph Anderson on October 11, 1946 in Waterloo. He died June 7, 1960.

She graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1936 and Gates Business College. She worked in clerical and bookkeeping at Investors Syndicate, Waterloo Steel and Equipment and Waterloo Public Schools, retiring in 1987.

Survived by: two daughters, Barbara Anderson and Jane Anderson, both of Schaumburg, IL; four nephews, James (Lois) Hamer of Traer, Dennis (Kathy) Hamer of Dike, Tim (Connie) Hamer of Mulvane, KS, and Ted (Linda) Hamer of Traer; two nieces, Beverly (Bruce) Nelson of Waterloo and Celeste (Sean) Coy of Burnsville, MN; and many grand nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: a sister, Dorothy (Thomas) Hamer.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waterloo. Private family interment will be in Garden of Memories, Waterloo, prior to the service. Visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Richardson Funeral Service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice or the church.

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

3669 Logan Ave
Waterloo, IA 50703

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Directed Memorial Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity American Lutheran Church
605 W 4th St.
Waterloo, IA 50702

Tribute Wall

BD

“ *Barbara & Jane: So sorry about your Mom. A best friend since 1945. I so appreciated your replies to my letters to your Mom. Betty Baker Dieckmann, 141 Clark Road, Macon, NC 27551.*

Betty Baker Dieckmann - December 02, 2016 at 07:03 PM

BG

“ *Bette, Barbara, and Jane were our neighbors on Lorraine St. in Waterloo. I remember the great family potlucks we used to have with Bette and her girls. My mom, Sylvia Morse, always enjoyed receiving Bette's Christmas cards each year. Very thoughtful lady.*

Barbara Morse Guss - December 02, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ *I was Bette's neighbor and always tried to visit when I got back to Waterloo. What a wonderful lady. She lived a long life and kept active with cards and yoga? We will miss you Bette and always love you!*

June Tesdall - December 02, 2016 at 10:36 AM

SD

“ *Barbara and Jane. I could go on and on about how much I loved your sweet mom. And I truly did. I will always cherish her memory. I am so glad I got to spend so much time with her in October. We had many fun card games!!! You two have been so loving and caring to her. You are both very lucky to have such wonderful ,beautiful years filled of loving memories... I love you both. Sandi*



sandi drees - December 01, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Bette" Anderson.*



December 01, 2016 at 02:07 PM

RM

“ Dear Barb and Jane, I will always remember the many happy times of fellowship spent with Bette sharing the Scriptures and listening as she reminisced about her past,. She loved her parents and her family and felt so blessed to have such caring daughters as you both. As her Cedar Valley Hospice chaplain, we spent many happy hours enjoying and singing familiar gospel songs together. She had a remarkable memory and remembered most of the lyrics. Her heart was truly close to the Lord whom she loved to worship. Will truly miss our times of fellowship. Remembering you both in prayer. Robert McMurdock

Robert McMurdock - November 30, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Bette" Anderson.



November 30, 2016 at 12:45 PM

JH

“ Dear Barb and Jane, So sorry to read of your mother's passing last night in the newspaper. We lost our mom a year ago in November, so we know how hard this is on you. She was in Hospice too, but was living with us. We came back to Waterloo. We know that your mom is now at peace too. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
With our sympathy, Sam and Janet Rohlf Holden

Janet Rohlf Holden - November 30, 2016 at 10:07 AM

AM

“ My favorite memory of Aunt Bette was going to Florida with her when I was in high school. I got to ride in my first limousine! We also went to Universal Studios and watched the movie The Birds in 3D. She was so scared and kept grabbing my arm. No matter how many times I told her to take off the glasses she refused. She was so relieved when the movie was finished!

Amie McRoberts - November 29, 2016 at 10:32 PM

DJ

“ We put in a lot of hours together at Trinity, especially on the council and parish ed, in the 1970s and 1980s when Bette was an anchor of the congregation. Even though we moved far from Waterloo, we maintained a Christmas card relationship with Bette for more than 20 years since then. It was always a delight to get her annual optimistic update, even when she needed her daughter's help with the letter in her later years. I am sure she will be missed as a faithful friend by many people.

Darrell Jobman - November 29, 2016 at 03:44 PM

CM

“ Aunt Bette was always active for as long as I can remember! Thai Chi who even heard of it but she did it before it was cool! She loved to play cards and word puzzles. She always had a smile was tickled when she wanted to come to my house to make ginger bread house! She will be missed by many people! Rest in Peace!

Cathy McRoberts - November 28, 2016 at 05:30 PM

ER

Bette, a most wonderful sister-in-law and best friend. We did many things together. A favorite was excise classes including water exercises at the YWCA, traveling companion with family and tours, she was always ready. We were both active in our churches and did Bible studies together. She brought joy wherever she went and was loved deeply by all the family and her friends. Barbara and Jane were her pride and joy and they gave her great loving care.

Elaine Rooke - December 02, 2016 at 12:07 PM

NM

Hi Barb and Jane, I remember your mom from being school secretary at Kittrell---she was always sweet and helpful. I also knew her from Trinity. She was so kind to my mom when she was widowed. Hoping your many good memories and love of family and friends will comfort you. Nancy Mohlis

Nancy Mohlis - December 05, 2016 at 09:10 PM