

Henrietta Vanden Bosch was born to Ed and Hattie (De Vries) Van Maanen on October 3, 1928, on the family farm north of Rock Valley, Iowa where she lived all her growing up years. She was the fourth child, welcomed by two older brothers, Gerrit and John, an older sister, Wilhemina, and later two younger brothers joined the family, Henry and Jim.

She attended Rock Valley Christian School, graduating in 1942, and was the first of her family to go to high school. She went to Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa where she was involved in choir and played basketball, graduating in 1946. She then attended summer school at Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa for six weeks and accepted a job at Sheldon Christian School in Sheldon, Iowa, where as a 17-year-old jumped into teaching in a classroom of over forty 3rd through 5th grade students the first two years, and then only 3rd and 4th graders the third year.

After dating Art Vanden Bosch for three years, they were married on June 15, 1949, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley, where they were both life-long members. Art and “Henny,” the new nickname given to her by her husband, lived on three different farms for the first 43 years of their marriage, all which were north of Rock Valley. She spent those years as a dedicated mom raising her children, being a supportive farm wife, and assisting her husband to minister to many people. In December of 1992, Art and Henny moved to their much-loved home on Main Street in Rock Valley. Art passed away on July 16, 2003.

Hospitality was one of her gifts and she continued inviting others to her home throughout her life. She spent many years giving piano lessons and leading various Bible studies, doing both of these into her 80s. She enjoyed planting flowers and having a garden and canning the produce. Her fourteen grandchildren were her pride and joy, and when her great grandchildren started arriving, she became known as “great grandma white” to some of them. She was an avid prayer warrior for all her family members, friends, church members, as well as the nation and the world, as evidenced by the many notebooks of her daily written prayers. She spent much time reading her Bible and especially enjoyed reading the Psalms and then singing them from the blue Psalter Hymnal.

Attending church was a highlight of each week. Her life changed in April of 2021, when she fell at church and broke her leg. After surgery and time in the hospital, she moved to Riverview Ridge and adjusted to making that her home for the last five years of her life. The family is very thankful for the care and love she received from the staff there. Henrietta passed away at RiverView Ridge on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at the age of 97.

Henrietta’s favorite scripture was Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.” She truly lived this out as she trusted in the Lord with all her heart to direct her paths.

Henrietta is survived by her five children and their families:

**Bob and Barb Vanden Bosch (Fulton, Missouri)**

Robert and Erin Vanden Bosch (deceased)  
Kyle and Jess Vanden Bosch  
Logan and Jorja, Cooper, Memphis  
Katie and Phillip Boyce

**Don and Jan Vanden Bosch (Rock Valley, Iowa)**

Dan Vanden Bosch  
Mark Vanden Bosch  
Dennis, Denyia, Diaja Alexander  
Matt and Daphne Vanden Bosch  
Emelia, Vera

**Evan and Wanda Vanden Bosch (Rock Valley, Iowa)**

Kristin and David Contant  
Sarah, Elise  
Brad and Anna Vanden Bosch  
Kade, Keaton  
Kim and Craig Humphreys  
Sydney, Carter, Lennon

**Mary and George Bierma (Sioux Center, Iowa)**

Bethany and Peter Gates  
Jon and Laura Bierma  
Daisy  
Tim and Carolyn Bierma  
Faith Bierma  
Anna Bierma

**Ruth and Mike Sauers (Sioux Falls, South Dakota)**

Luke Sauers

Henrietta is also survived by two sister-in laws, Nancy Vanden Bosch of Sioux Center, Iowa, and Nelma Vanden Bosch of Worthington, Minnesota.

Henrietta was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Art; twin grandchildren, Robert Alan and Erin Joy Vanden Bosch; siblings and their spouses, Gerrit and Berdena Van Maanen, Hubert and Wilhemina Landegent, John and Ruth Van Maanen, Henry and Anita Van Maanen, and Jim and Elda Van Maanen; and Art’s siblings and their spouses, George and Tillie Dorhout, Tom and Laura Vanden Bosch, Bert and Lois Vanden Bosch, George and Grace Haney, John and Lenora De Wit, Roger and Esther Cleveringa, Mike Vanden Bosch, and Floyd Vanden Bosch.

*Celebrating the Life of*  
***Henrietta Vanden Bosch***

*October 3, 1928 ~ August 12, 2026*

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – 11:00 AM  
First Christian Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa  
Rev. Matthew Haan, Officiating

Prelude by Granddaughters  
Opening Song: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”  
Opening Words and Prayer  
Remembering Mom and Grandma  
Scripture: Isaiah 41:10; Isaiah 48:10  
Song by Congregation: “How Firm A Foundation”  
Scripture: Psalm 103; Psalm 63  
Song by Congregation: “O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly”  
Scripture: Psalm 5:12; Ephesians 3:14-21  
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1 (responsively)  
Ministry through Music: “His Eye is On the Sparrow”  
Scripture: John 14:1-6; Hebrews 12:1-2  
Song by Congregation: “When Peace Like A River”  
Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20  
Message and Prayer  
Song by Congregation: “Amazing Grace”  
Ministry through Music: “Hymn of Heaven”  
Ministry through Music: “Hallelujah Chorus”  
Parting Blessing from Jude 24-25  
Dismissal

**Casket Bearers**

Dan Vanden Bosch ~ Mark Vanden Bosch ~ Matt Vanden Bosch  
Kyle Vanden Bosch ~ Brad Vanden Bosch  
Jon Bierma ~ Tim Bierma ~ Luke Sauers

**Musicians**

Bethany Gates ~ Faith Bierma ~ Anna Bierma  
Kristin Contant ~ Katie Boyce ~ Kim Humphreys

*Henrietta's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship  
in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.*

