

Betty June Van Zee

Betty June Van Zee was born on June 4, 1931 on a farm that is now in the middle of Corsica Lake, Corsica SD to John and Gertrude (Hoekman) Teeselink. Betty graduated from Corsica High School then from Southern State Teacher's College in Springfield SD.

Betty married Howard John Van Zee on April 21, 1950 in Corsica SD. Betty and Howard had four children: Laura, Jeris, Terry and Kristi. She enjoyed taking care of her family and traveling with Howard to many car conventions and car shows over the years. Betty taught at a rural one-room school and worked as a secretary at Dakota Christian High School. She finished her career working for 20 years as a Certified Nurse's Aide for the Corsica Good Samaritan Center.

Betty and Howard had 62 wonderful years together.

Betty's life took her to live in several locations including, Corsica, California, New Holland and Platte. She was a faithful member of the New Holland Christian Reformed Church and the Platte Christian Reformed Church. At New Holland Christian Reformed Church, she taught Sunday School and was a member of Ladies Aid, Harmony Workers and The Hosanna Club. She also liked to attend Coffee Break Fellowship in Platte. Betty enjoyed reading, working, raising her children and spending time with her grandchildren.

Betty moved into the Corsica Good Samaritan Center in 2015 and then to the Platte Care Center in 2018.

Betty passed away on July 3, 2026 at the Platte Care Center with family by her side.

Grateful for having shared Betty's life are her children: Laura Woudstra of Grandville MI, Jeris (Maylene) Van Zee of Sioux Falls SD, Terry (Marguerite) Van Zee of Geddes SD and Kristi (Curtis) Pheifer of Platte SD; sisters: Char Uilenberg of Platte SD, Mary Brink of Sioux Falls SD and Jill Gruenewald (friend Michael Williams) of Sioux Falls SD; 19 grandchildren with spouses, 22 great/step-great grandchildren with spouses, and eight great-great/step-great-great grandchildren; sister-in-law Pearl (Van Zee) Munneke; and several nieces and nephews.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Howard (2012), granddaughter Jessie Joy Pheifer (1999), father-in-law and mother-in-law John and Jessie (DeJong) Van Zee, five brothers-in-law: John Lieuwen, Richard Uilenberg, Larry Brink, Gradus Veurink and Lloyd Munneke; and sister-in-law Delia (Van Zee) Veurink.



Going home....

In Loving Memory **Betty June Van Zee**

Born: June 4, 1931 ~ Corsica, South Dakota
Passed Away: July 3, 2026 ~ Platte, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Christian Reformed Church ~ Platte, South Dakota
Pastor Drew Hoekema ~ Officiating

Music

Jan Van Zee ~ Organist
“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”
“In The Garden”
“It Is Well”
“Because He Lives”

Casket Bearers (Betty's Grandsons)

Jon Woudstra Dave Woudstra Jamie Van Zee
Shawn Van Zee Greg Van Zee Brandon Van Zee
Tyler Van Zee Chase Pheifer

Honorary Casket Bearers (Betty's Granddaughters)

Alisha (Van Zee) McCarty Isabel Pheifer

Interment

Private family burial in the New Holland Cemetery,
New Holland, South Dakota

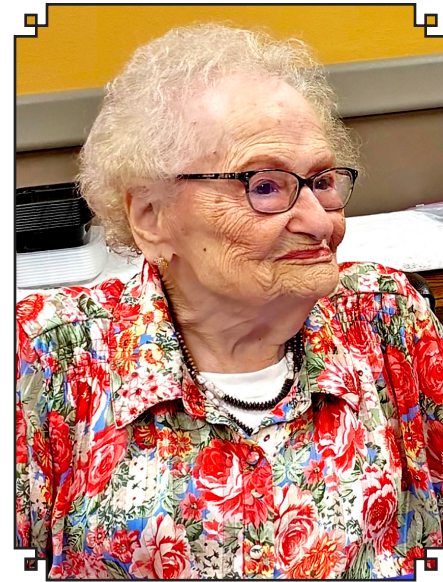
The support and kindness you have shown by your presence is deeply appreciated by Betty's family. You are invited to join the family for Fellowship and lunch to be served in the fellowship hall following the funeral service.



Arrangements by
Mount-Smith Funeral Home, Platte, SD



In Loving Memory



The Weaver

by Grant Colfax Tullar (1869-1950)

*My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me.
I cannot choose the colours
He weaveth steadily.*

*Oft' times He weaveth sorrow;
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper,
And I the underside.*

*Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas
And reveal the reason why.*

*The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.*

*He knows, He loves, He cares;
Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him.*