Psalm 139:13-16

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

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Bertha Statema was born on February 13, 1938, to Gerrit and Bertha (Van Zanten) Brands, in Rock Valley, Iowa. She was united in marriage to Peter Statema on August 4, 1960, in Rock Valley, Iowa.

After graduation from high school, Bertha worked at the Rock Valley Bee and Canton Hospital. However, becoming a farmer's wife was a role she would enjoy the most. Bertha also worked at the Hawarden Hillcrest Nursing Home for 30 years. She was a member of the Ireton Christian Reformed Church. Bertha enjoyed the simple things in life like attending her grandchildren's events, sitting outside, and road trips (both near and far) with Pete. Bertha died peacefully on Friday, September 18, 2026, at the home of her son of rural Alton, Iowa. She was 88 years old.

Survivors include four children: Linda (David) Renes of Sioux Falls, SD; Jeff (Gina) Statema of LeMars, IA; David Statema of Alton, IA; Lisa Statema of Dakota Dunes, SD and four grand children and great-grandchildren, Kelli (Brian) Jurgensen – Elijah and Jonathan; Veronica (Zach) Rodman – Ellie and Jordan; Sam (Logan) Renes; Allegra Statema. A sister, Johanna Westra and two sisters-in-law; Grace Brands and Barbara Brands.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Pete; a sister, Rena Brands; and two brothers, Gerrit Brands Jr. and Cornie Brands; and her in-laws: Don Westra; John & Gert Statema, Hank & Ann Zomermaand; Art & Geraldine Statema; Clarence & Beulah Statema; Jim & Betty Sikma; Frank & Iola Statema; Otto & Madelyne Huizenga; Bill & Geneva Burggraaf; Julius & Priscilla De Jong.

Special thanks to St. Croix Hospice of Sioux City (Tyler and Sheila) for their care of "Bert".

In Loving Memory
Bertha Joan Statema

February 13, 1938 ✞ September 18, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Ireton Christian Reformed Church
Ireton, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Nathan Kuperus

ORGANIST

Donna Koopmans

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art"
"Amazing Grace"
"Peace Like a River"
"What a Day That Will Be"

CASKET BEARERS

Sam Renes ~ Zach Rodman ~ Brian Jurgensen
Darrell Westra ~ Myron Gradert ~ Randy Westra

INTERMENT

Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Ireton, Iowa

MEMORIALS

Ireton Christian School

Please join Bertha's family for lunch and fellowship at the church following the committal service.