



Gertrude Jane De Groot was born on December 15, 1923, at home on the farm near Doon, IA, to Abraham and Jennie (Koel) De Groot. Gertrude was the eighth of ten children. Later the family moved SW of Sioux Center, IA, where Gertrude attended country school through eighth grade. On May 24, 1942, Gertrude made profession of faith at the First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center. Still found in the back of her Bible were the verses given to her that Sunday – Ephesians 6:16 and Micah 6:8.

On February 15, 1943, she married the love of her life, Edward Vis, on her parents' farm. Gert would sit right next to Ed in the car (before seat belt restrictions) wherever they went. Gert was a devoted wife working beside Ed on the farm south of Hull, IA, running the concession stand at the fast pitch league in Rock Valley, fixing rental properties in Sioux City, IA, or tending to a vending route they had. Ed and Gert were blessed with five children, William (Betty) Vis of, Mesa AZ, Janice Carrell of New Orleans, LA, Loretta Vis of Sheldon, IA, Sandra (Ken) Wolthuizen of Sheldon, IA, and Gerrit (Kay) Vis of Rock Valley, IA. They traveled side by side visiting their children throughout the United States. She continued to travel to visit her children even after Ed passed away. Their love for each other was an example of a loving Christian marriage. Ed passed away on May 14, 1990. Gert immediately became a volunteer for hospice, caring for others instead of feeling sorry for herself.

Gert loved God. She often said “I am so blessed” right up to her last days. She loved going to church to hear God’s Word preached. She would back the car into her parking spot as good as any truck driver. She wasn’t going to be the person to back into someone at church. The last two years she faithfully watched 2 services on TV each week. Saying almost every week, “Wasn’t that a good sermon” or “I think that sermon was for me”.

Gert loved her five children and their families. She was a loving and kind grandma; often getting visits from grandchildren traveling for hours to spend a day or two with her or going miles out of their way to say hi and spend a little time with her. Her teenage great-grandchildren would stop by alone or in groups of 3 or 6 just to talk to great-grandma. She was a good listener, never judged, or spoke harshly and you were always offered a cookie, banana bread and a sucker when you left.

Gert passed away on January 13, 2025, at her earthly home at 101 years old and went to her eternal home in Heaven. She was lovingly cared for by hospice, her children and grandchildren her last few weeks here on earth.

Gert’s legacy is her family. She is survived by her 5 children and their spouses; 18 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. Gert is also survived by a brother-in-law, John Vis from MI.

Proceeding Gert in death were her parents; her husband’s parents, William and Hattie Vis; husband; great-grandson, Kane Van Bommel; 9 siblings and their spouses; and Ed’s 10 siblings and 11 of their spouses.

Celebrating the Life of ***Gertrude Jane Vis***

December 15, 1923 ~ January 13, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Saturday, January 18, 2025
First Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Matthew Haan

PIANIST

Madelyn Vis

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Abide With Me”

Andy Van Roekel

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“Amazing Grace”

“I Surrender All”

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

PALLBEARERS

Paul Vis ~ Daniel Vis

Samuel Vis ~ Benjamin Wolthuizen

Joshua Wolthuizen ~ Seth Vis ~ Micah Vis

INTERMENT

Memory Gardens Cemetery

Sioux Center, Iowa

*Gert’s family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship
in the church fellowship hall immediately following the funeral service.*

The Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 1

Question & Answer 1

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A 1. That I am not my own

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.



*No eye has seen,
nor ear heard, nor
the heart of man
conceived,*

*what God has prepared
for those who love Him.*

1 Corinthians 2:9