

Esther De Roon was born October 9, 1936, near Rock Valley, Iowa, the daughter of Manus and Etta (Anema) De Jong. She lived on a farm near Rock Valley until she was 9 years old and then moved to a farm near Doon, Iowa. Her favorite subject in school was Spelling because it was easy for her. In her youth, her favorite song was "Jesus Loves Me" and her favorite games were Ring Around The Rosy and Jump Rope. Her family endured hard and cold winters, as Esther helped with gathering cobs for the stove and doing chores in the house.

Esther married Clarence De Roon on August 28, 1956, at Doon. They had met in Rock Valley while going to catechism on Thursday nights. Together they farmed west of Rock Valley where they raised their 5 children. She helped on the farm and canned a lot of food such as meat and vegetables. She also made her own butter. After their children were raised, Esther worked at Hope Haven and River Valley School. She was an active member of the First Christian Reformed Church where she attended Ruth Circle and memorized many scriptures. She enjoyed baking and preparing food for her family and loved attending her children's and grandchildren's activities. Esther enjoyed her flowers and gardening, and her plants always seemed happy to thrive under her care. What Esther would most want to be remembered by is that she loved her grandkids and treasured them very much. The two things that influenced the way Esther lived her life were living a good Christian life and having good Christian parents. Esther passed away Monday, March 10, 2025, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley at the age of 88.

Esther is survived by her husband, Clarence; 5 children, Lynette (Dale) Bonnema of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Douglas De Roon of Beresford, South Dakota, Daniel (Arlene) De Roon of Harrisburg, South Dakota, David (Pam) De Roon of Rock Valley, and Derrick De Roon of Tampa, Florida; 10 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; siblings, Evelyn Vis, Marilyn Doiron, and Corky (Jan) De Jong; sisters-in-law, Eileen De Jong and Carolyn De Jong; and also numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Fred, Kenneth, Arnold, Manuel, Herman, and Charlie; brother-in-law, Henry Vis; sister-in-law, Jean De Jong; in-laws, Wayne and Jennie Van Wyhe and Rodney Tilstra; niece, Marcia De Jong; and nephews, Michael De Jong, Randy Tilstra, and Terry Tilstra.

## ***Remembering the Life of Esther De Roon***

*October 9, 1936 ~ March 10, 2025*

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:00 AM, Friday, March 14, 2025  
Calvin Christian Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

### **OFFICIANT**

Rev. Matthew Haan  
First Christian Reformed Church

### **PIANIST**

Carisa Maassen

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Take Time To Be Holy"*  
Dale Bonnema

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*  
*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*  
*"Amazing Grace"*  
*"By the Sea of Crystal"*

### **PALLBEARERS**

Justin Bonnema ~ Mark Bonnema ~ Brad Bonnema  
Vera Frewaldt ~ Joshua De Roon ~ Merissa Atkinson  
Devin De Roon ~ Levi De Roon ~ Chloe Beverly

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Eli De Roon ~ Laiken De Roon  
Alex Atkinson ~ Caleb Beverly  
Gabrielle De Roon ~ Abby De Roon ~ Siah Lyimo

### **INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

Esther's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at the First Christian Reformed Church fellowship hall following the committal service.



## *In Loving Memory*

### *Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*



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