

## Some day I'll tell my children

Someday, when my child is old enough to appreciate what motivates a parent, I'll tell them...

I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, who with and what time you would be home.

I loved you enough to worry and nag about your health.

I loved you enough to choose your temporary upset, in the hope that the lessons would bring your longterm happiness.

I loved you enough to be "overprotective".

I loved you enough to not make excuses for your bad manners and lack of respect.

I loved you enough to choose to put myself last, every day.

I loved you enough to ignore what "every other parent" did.

I loved you enough to remove people that I loved from my life so that I could protect you.

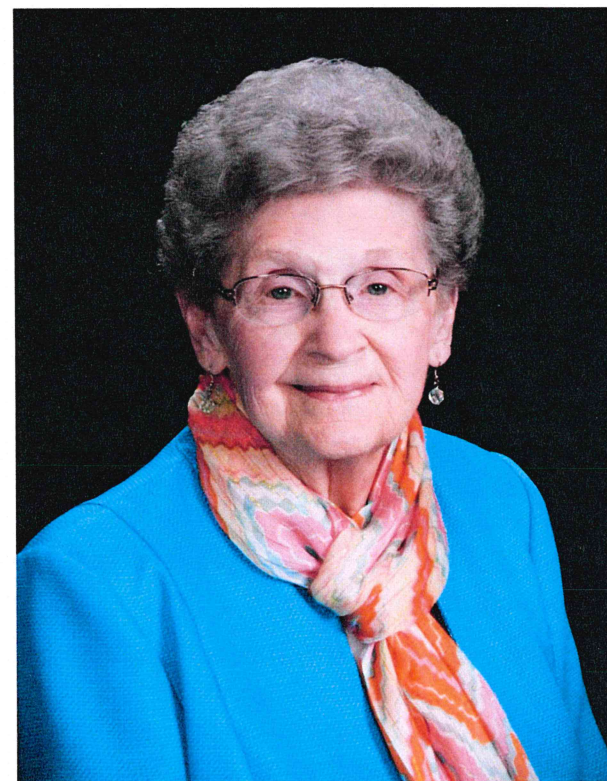
I loved you enough to let you stumble, fail and fall, so that you could learn to stand alone.

But most of all, I loved you enough to risk you hating me for decisions that I made in the hope that I was doing what was best for you, that was the hardest part of all.

Author unknown



## *Remembering The Life Of Anna Van Bruggen*



*January 12, 1931  
December 31, 2022*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Anna Van Bruggen***

Anna Van Bruggen was born January 12, 1931, at Ireton, Iowa, the daughter of Arie and Jacoba (Vanden Horn) Ravenswaay. She was raised in the Ireton area and educated at the Country School for 8 years in Ireton. She married Albert Van Bruggen on February 16, 1950. The couple made their home near Hawarden, Iowa on a dairy farm for 22 years. They then moved to town in 1969. Anna worked at Otis Radio (Coilcraft), retiring in 1996 after 27 years.

Anna was a founding member of the Hawarden Community Reformed Church. She taught Sunday school, was a youth fellowship sponsor, head of the kitchen committee for various events at the church, and a custodian. After the closure of the Community Church, Anna became a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Hawarden. Anna was an avid cook and baker, known best for her potato salad, cookies, pies, and various bars. She spent many hours embroidering and completing puzzles. She was an avid competitor in cards and board games. She was also a fan of watching all sports. She enjoyed cheering for West Sioux athletics, Iowa/Iowa State Football, Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings. Anna was very involved with volunteering at the Hawarden Calliope Village and was active with the American Legion, as well as the Hawarden Thrift Shop. Anna passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at Hillcrest Health Care Services in Hawarden at the age of 91.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Darrel (Dutch) and Kathy Van Bruggen of Spencer, Iowa and David (Dutch) and Judy Van Bruggen of Hawarden; a daughter, Audrey Baumtrog of Minnetonka, Minnesota; two sisters, Arlene DeBruin of Lynden, Washington and Dorothy Tiedeman and her spouse Harlan Tiedeman of Beresford, South Dakota; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Anna was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Van Bruggen; her parents; her sisters, Gertrude Vander Ploeg (Donald), Jeanette Netten (Peter), and Bernice DeKock (Marion); brother-in-law, Jake DeBruin; and granddaughter, Melissa Hansen.

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2023  
Hawarden Christian Reformed Church  
Hawarden, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Verlyn Netten

**ORGANIST**

Marlene Daale

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*“When Peace Like A River”*

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

Lucas Baumtrog ~ Travis Baumtrog  
Rick Hansen ~ Adam Dodd

**CASKET BEARERS**

Brendan Hansen ~ Chris Dodd  
Josh Goracke ~ Michael Patri  
David Fitzgerald ~ Brian Fransen

**INTERMENT**

Grace Hill Cemetery  
Hawarden, Iowa

*Please join Anna’s family for lunch and fellowship  
in the church hall following the committal service.*