



Betty Ann Stewart

June 26, 1941 - December 8, 2023

Betty Ann Stewart, age 82, of Albia, IA, passed away on Friday, December 8, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA.

Betty was born on June 26, 1941, in Spirit Lake, IA, to Richard Yale and Ireta Ruth (Martin) Frits. She grew up attending school in Albia and graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1959. Following high school, Betty attended the University of Iowa where she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree. On August 21, 1982, she was united in marriage to James Stewart at the RLDS Church in Albia.

Betty worked as a Lab Technician at the Albia Hospital for several years before she and James moved to Springfield, Ohio in 1982. While there, Betty took computer programming classes and also went through the Policy Academy. James preceded Betty in death in 1992 and Betty moved back to Albia.

Betty was an avid reader. She enjoyed singing with the Lutheran Catholic and community choirs. She also enjoyed riding horses and was an animal lover of all sorts, especially cats. Betty's true joy in life was spending time with her family and friends.

Betty is survived by 2 nieces, Marcia (Dan) Celandia and Ruth (Richard) James

and her great nieces and nephews, Danielle (D.J.) Huffman, Ian (Ashley) Celandia, Chris (Artur) Celandia, Leah Raskie, and Bryan (Jordan) Raskie. She is also survived by several cousins.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, James Stewart; her parents, Richard and Ireta Frits; and a sister, Janet Frits.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Betty's family present throughout to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date at Philadelphia Cemetery in Brazil, IA.

A memorial has been established to the Heartland Humane Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Memorial Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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