



Lucille Bettis

December 9, 1922 - September 22, 2017

Lucille (Laidlaw) Bettis, age, 94 of Albia, passed away Friday, September 22, 2017, under the care of HCI Hospice at Golden Age Care Center in Centerville.

Lucille was born December 9, 1922, in Rexfield, Iowa to George D. and Ethel (Hankins) Laidlaw. She attended school in Rexfield through part of 8th grade, when the family moved to Albia, where she graduated from Albia High School, with the Class of 1940. She attended Albia Jr. College and worked in the high school office. She married Herbert E. Bettis on December 27, 1941, in Kirksville, Missouri. They shared 54 years of marriage before Herbert's passing on May 26, 1995. To this union five children were born, Larry, Linda, Lysle, Lloyd and Leslie.

She worked as a secretary and parish assistant at the First Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church for 22 years. As a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Lucille was active in the U.M. W. and served on many committees of the church.

She served as 4-H leader for 20 years, worked in the Monroe County Cancer Society for 35 years, helped organize the Monroe County Hospital Auxiliary and the Meals on Wheels program, and was active in the P.T.A. at the Spencer Rural School and Jefferson School in Albia. She was a 50 year

member of the Albia Woman's Club.

In 1962, the Bettis family was named the Methodist Family of the Year, a national honor. In 1966, she was chosen as a Master Farm Homemaker. Lucille and Herbert were inducted into the Albia Hall of Fame in 1988. In 1979, she was named "Woman of the Year" by ETA RHO Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Lucille was named to the Albia High School Wall of Fame in 1997 and to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame in 2002.

Lucille is survived by her five children, Larry (Sharon) Bettis, Linda (Vince) Sullivan, both of Centerville, Lysle (Jerry) Meyer of Kirksville, MO, Lloyd (Kathryn) Bettis of Glenview, IL and Leslie (Suzanne) Bettis of Des Moines; 16 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and good friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert; her parents, George and Ethel; and two brothers, Leonard and Lyle Laidlaw.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry and Pastor Marvin Lindley co-officiating. Burial will follow the service at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2017, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with a time of sharing at 7:00 p.m. with Lucille's family present throughout the day and evening to greet family and friends.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or to the Monroe County 4-H Foundation may be directed to the Tharp Funeral Home at 116 Benton Ave. West, Albia, Iowa 52531.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
1117 Benton Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall



“ *Lucille Bettis*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Lucille Bettis*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Condolences to the family. She will be greatly missed.*

Tony and Marge, Marilyn Middleton, and the Ewing Family.

Tony Shriver - September 25, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ *Julie and Gregg Drije purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lucille Bettis.*



Julie and Gregg Drije - September 25, 2017 at 11:29 AM



“ *Bill & Linda Marshall and Justin & Jonalyn Frazier purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Lucille Bettis.*



Bill & Linda Marshall and Justin & Jonalyn Frazier -
September 24, 2017 at 10:40 PM

ZO

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers for Lucille's family. I remember visiting Lucille and Herbert and their children when i was young and a teenager when I attended reunions with Mom and Dad (Wendell and Rosella Bettis.) May God bless all of you.

Zella (Bettis) Orendorff

Zella Orendorff - September 24, 2017 at 08:41 PM

FF

“ From your Prayer and Share friends purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lucille Bettis.



From your Prayer and Share friends - September 24, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lucille Bettis.



September 23, 2017 at 11:19 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lucille Bettis.



September 23, 2017 at 05:35 PM

SL

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Larry. May she rest in the palm of God's hand and His angels surround all of you to bring you peace and comfort. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.
Sandy Sonnenburg Laumeyer.

Sandy Sonnenburg Laumeyer - September 23, 2017 at 05:15 PM

KJ

“ *Bettis Family,*
I was saddened to learn of Lucille's passing, yet I rejoice knowing she's enjoying all the beauty and delights of Heaven. It was a blessing to get to know her at Trinity. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Kim Jolly

Kim Jolly - September 23, 2017 at 04:52 PM

JB

“ *My heart goes out to the whole Bettis bunch. What a wonderful lady as it shows from the great family she raised and a wonderful life she had. She will be missed by so many...Hugs to you all!*



Joan McFee Bentley - September 23, 2017 at 02:09 PM

JR

“ Jerry & Donna ,Mark & Lori,David & Pam Raymie purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lucille Bettis.



Jerry & Donna ,Mark & Lori,David & Pam Raymie -
September 23, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucille Bettis.



September 23, 2017 at 09:41 AM

RB

“ Lucille was a wonderful lady, raised a great family, and contributed to church and community in so many ways.

Ronald R Billings - September 22, 2017 at 11:10 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucille Bettis.



September 22, 2017 at 10:39 PM

VS

“ *What a beautiful lady inside and out! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers!*

Valerie Selby Small - September 22, 2017 at 10:14 PM

SM

“ *Lucille Bettis was a woman ahead off her time. She made raising a family and being active/working in her community look easy. I will always remember how much she meant to my mom and to our family. I always think of the whole Bettis family when I put up the nativity scene they gave us as a wedding gift, when I try to make peanut brittle, and the hug Lucille gave me at my father's funeral. She was an extraordinary soul and her incredible family is her amazing legacy. I wish I could be there to celebrate her life!*

Susan Mordan-White - September 22, 2017 at 09:36 PM

JW

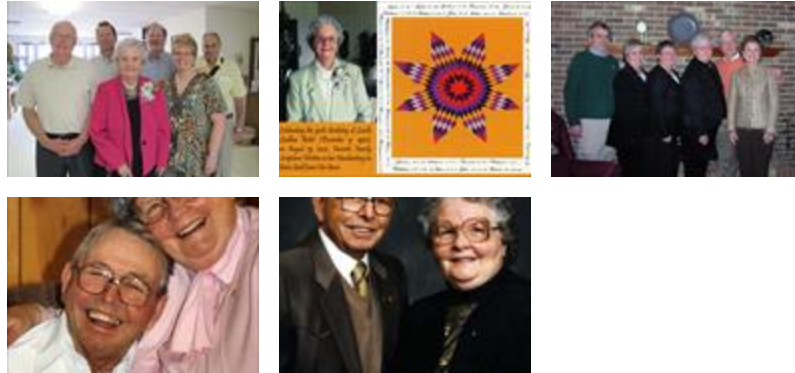
“ *Judy Walters sent a virtual gift in memory of Lucille Bettis*



Judy Walters - September 22, 2017 at 09:12 PM

TL

“ 18 files added to the album New Album Name



Tim Laidlaw - September 22, 2017 at 08:34 PM

LM

Tim, it was so thoughtful to post these photos!

Lysle Meyer - September 24, 2017 at 01:27 PM

EJ

“ *I never had the he honor of meeting Mrs. Bettis but I know her by her the wonderful family she reared. My sincere condolences to Les and Sue and the rest of the Bettie family.*

Ellen Jennings - September 22, 2017 at 08:32 PM

NM

“ *I will always have wonderful memories of Herbert & Lucille when visiting the farm with Sabra as kids! They were both wonderfully kind and loving people who treated me like their own family! Sending you all love and sympathy as you grieve.*

Natalie Meighan - September 22, 2017 at 08:26 PM

MC

“ *She was a great lady. She was my 4-H leader. I learned so much from that program.*

Marla Carr - September 22, 2017 at 08:19 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lucille Bettis.*



September 22, 2017 at 07:05 PM

CD

“ *My grandmother's name was also Lucille. I think you should have grandparents forever as the experiences and memories are great.*

Cindy Dowis - September 22, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lucille Bettis.*



September 22, 2017 at 06:39 PM

GB

“ *Sorry to get this news. My deepest sympathies and condolences on your loss. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Gregg Behrens*

Gregg Behrens - September 22, 2017 at 05:08 PM