



## Betty J Verhage

November 27, 1939 - September 24, 2016

Betty Joyce Verhage, 76, died peacefully on Saturday morning, September 24, 2016, at her home in Moses Lake, Washington, surrounded by her husband and children.

Betty was born on November 27, 1939, to William and Mildred Geurkink in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She graduated from Milaca High School in 1957 and attended Calvin College from 1957 to 1959.

She taught third grade at Central Minnesota Christian School for two years in Prinsburg, Minnesota, where she met her husband of 55 years, Harold Verhage. They married on December 30, 1960, and raised their son, Larry, and daughters, Lorie and Elizabeth. Betty faithfully encouraged her husband as his career took them to New Mexico, Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, and Chicago. She was an active member of various Christian Reformed Churches, teaching Sunday School, leading Calvinettes, serving on a missions committee, and volunteering as librarian.

Betty loved children. She spent her life nurturing her own, teaching others, and caring for her grandchildren. In 1985, she earned a Bachelor's of Arts Degree with Honors in Elementary Education from Governors State University and then taught special needs children at Elim Christian School for ten years.

Betty loved playing the piano, singing with her loved ones, sewing, drawing, reading, studying the Bible, and gardening. She also enjoyed traveling to the Holy Lands, the Netherlands, Mexico, Austria, and Italy with Harold and her family.

As her favorite confession of the Christian faith, Betty took the first question and answer of the Heidelberg Catechism:

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

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Betty is survived by her husband, Harold; children, Lorie and Brad Casemier, Larry and Julie Verhage, and Elizabeth and David Wright; 12 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and 5 siblings, Warren (Connie) Geurkink and Robert (Shirley) Geurkink of Milaca, Minnesota, Richard (Ellen) Geurkink of St. Cloud, Minnesota, Darlene (Eugene) Rubingh of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and James (Cathy) Geurkink of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mildred Geurkink; two brothers, Willard and Phillip Geurkink.

Visitation will be held at Quincy Christian Reformed Church at 10 a.m., on Saturday, October 1. Funeral services will immediately follow at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Tom De Does and Mark Bassett officiating.

Music will be provided by some of her granddaughters. Betty's children and their spouses will serve as pallbearers. Graveside services will be in Pease, Minnesota, at a date to be determined.

Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com). Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

# Events

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**OCT** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Quincy Christian Reformed Church  
420 H St. SE, Quincy, WA, US

**OCT** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Harold,  
Helena and I want to express our sorrow and convey to our condolences to you in Betty's passing. I know that it's been many years since we have communicated but we have never forgotten you two and the good times we spent together while you were teaching at Dortd College.  
I retired from Dortd after 46 years and we now live in Laughlin, Nevada during the winters and on the Western Slope of the Rocky Mountains South of Montrose, CO during the summers.  
IF you ever want to touch base just call me at 7025896309 (leave a message so I know it's you as I usually don't answer unknown numbers) or text me at the above number or email at [edwin.geels5145@gmail.com](mailto:edwin.geels5145@gmail.com).  
Edwin and Helena Geels

**Edwin Geels** - November 05, 2016 at 10:45 PM

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“ Harold and family--So sorry to learn of Betty's passing. We have fond memories of the times our families shared together in Ames and in Ft. Collins. God bless you and yours at this difficult time.

Trudy and Al Strating

**alfred strating** - September 30, 2016 at 11:16 PM

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“ Prayers and comfort to you Harold, Larry and Julie, and all the kids. I am thinking of your family. Betty was always a sweet part of my day when I saw her. Love and Blessings~ Jeannie Huck

**Jeannie H** - September 28, 2016 at 04:04 PM

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“ Larry and family - I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers.

**Julie Weisenburg** - September 26, 2016 at 09:24 PM