



# Betty Noreen Happel

August 20, 1961 - March 12, 2025

Betty Noreen Happel was born on August 20, 1961, in Des Moines, Iowa. Her adoptive parents, Paul and Kathryn Happel, welcomed her into their home on a farm in rural Latimer, Iowa. October 8, 1961, Betty was baptized into God's family at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Latimer, where she also attended elementary school and was confirmed on April 11, 1976. She graduated from CAL High School with the class of 1980. Sharing memories of her childhood and life on the farm was a favorite for Betty.

On August 23, 1985, Betty's life was blessed with the birth of her daughter Christina. She cherished the time she got to spend with Christina and her grandchildren. Most of her adult life was spent in Omaha, Nebraska. In 2023, she moved to Urbandale, Iowa, to be closer to her childhood home, reconnecting with hometown friends and relatives. She visited Latimer and Hampton often for local events, finding joy in her roots. Gloria Dei Lutheran in Urbandale became her new church home, and she formed meaningful connections in the Cobblestone HOA community where she lived. She joined a book club at the Urbandale Library, volunteered at the Clive Community Services Food Pantry/Clothes Closet, and served on her HOA's landscaping committee. Betty was adventurous, always eager to embrace new experiences. Her good heart and fun-loving spirit will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Betty passed away on March 12, 2025. Preceding her in death were her parents, Paul and Kathryn Happel, her brother, Keith, and her granddaughter, Nevaeh. Left to honor her memory are her daughter, Christina Grimm, grandchildren Alexandria, Ana'li, Martin, Rosemary, Emilia, and Grace, special friend, Donnie Grimm, aunt, Fern Lindvall, uncle Lester Happel and his wife Alma, as well as many cousins and cherished friends.

A memorial service will be held 10:30 am, Saturday, April 5, 2025, at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Latimer, Iowa, with burial at the church cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Hampton is caring for Betty and her family.

# Cemetery Details

## St Paul's Lutheran Cemetery

304 W Main  
Latimer, IA 50452

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
304 W Main Street  
Latimer, IA 50452

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Noreen Happel.*



April 04, 2025 at 02:13 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. We were Dear friends in our younger years. Prayers to the Family.*  
*Judy Colglazier Ratzlaff*

**Judy Colglazier Ratzlaff** - March 16, 2025 at 07:21 PM

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“ *You will most definitely be missed, Betty. Rest in Peace*



**NancyFreie** - March 16, 2025 at 06:57 PM

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*I have known Betty since she was a baby and we went to the same church. She had a beautiful heart and shared a lot of recipes with me on facebook. Heaven gained a beautiful soul. Joyce Borcharding*

**joyce borcharding** - March 20, 2025 at 01:42 PM