



Betty Riley

December 5, 1950 - August 28, 2023

Betty Riley, 72, of Iowa Falls, passed away Monday, August 28, 2023 at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Iowa Falls. A time of fellowship and refreshment will be held at the church following the service. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Iowa Falls is caring for Betty and her family.

Betty Jean Riley was born on December 5, 1950 to Raymond Carson and Geraldine Viola (Nielsen) Riley. Betty graduated Iowa Falls High School class of 1969, and UNI with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting in 1973.

After a 32-year career at Ellsworth Municipal Hospital, Betty retired as Chief Financial Officer. Betty was a dedicated employee that cared about what she did and had many life-long friends from those years at the hospital.

Over the years her family and friends were all recipients of her beautiful quilts. Her nieces and nephews have received a quilt for many occasions in their lives. Be it graduation, wedding, couch quilts, bed quilts or baby quilts for their children. She also made t-shirt quilts using the kids' school, band and Scout shirts and made a quilt out of her sister Kathy's tie-dye shirts. Her talent and passion for quilting was impressive. As quilters do, I suppose, Betty LOVED MATERIAL and the hunt for material. Betty and her friends went on many

material shop excursions over the years.

Betty also enjoyed painting, cross stitch, whittling, collecting Boyds Bears, polar bears and made beautiful stuffed bears. She always stayed current and kept her mind sharp by putting puzzles together, Sudoku, Wordle and reading.

Betty loved animals. Her dogs over the years were family to her, along with her cat. She loved her family and friends deeply and was very kind and generous with her time and talents. Family meant everything to her.

Betty Jean Riley is survived by two brothers, Dick Riley of Eldora and Gary (Lori) Riley of Iowa Falls and their children, Josh (Jessica) of Blair, NE and their daughters: Isla, Ember, and Margo, Jake (Mickey) of Ackley, IA and their combined children: Kyzer, Blaine, Kolter and Raelynn, Joey (Kaitlin) of Indianola, IA and their daughter Reagan; brother in-law, Dean Walker of Forest City, IA and nieces, Tara (Alex) Haney of Scarville, IA and their children: Dylan and Emerson, Lacey Klemp of Clear Lake and her sons: Connor and Lincoln; nieces: Pam, Patti and Paula; nieces and nephews: Dawn, Danette, Donata, Dean, David and their mom, Dinah also own a piece of Betty's heart. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Geri and sister, Kathy Walker.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
520 College Avenue
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty was fantastic. She had such an important job at the hospital, yet, still found time to help make everyone (even new employees) feel welcome. And a very talented quilter!* ”

Jen King - September 29, 2023 at 02:48 PM

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“ *It was a privilege to know Betty and witness her sharing nature. Many have been blessed by her beautiful quilts.* ”

Dinah - September 03, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Riley.* ”

September 03, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Betty Riley.* ”



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