



## Betty Downing

February 27, 1931 - September 5, 2017

Betty Downing, 86, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on September 5, 2017 at the Bloomfield Care Center. She was born February 27, 1931 in Davis County, Iowa to William "Bill" and Cecil Avis Stogdill Farris. Betty was raised in the Troy area and graduated from the Troy Academy. She married Manie C. Downing on May 14, 1949 in Milton, Iowa. He passed away on September 9, 2003.

Betty worked as a manager at a craft store in Ottumwa and later managed the Colonial Motel in Ottumwa for many years. She enjoyed all sorts of crafts including crocheting and making stuffed animals. She also enjoyed doing jigsaw and word search puzzles, playing cards, and reading.

She is survived by her son, Gary (Suzanna) Downing of Baring, Missouri; daughter, Sharon (David) Boyer of Floris, Iowa; three grandchildren, Ronda (Harlan Van Wyhe) Hipsher, Dakota Downing, Shannon Downing; three great-grandchildren, Brandon (Lindsay) Allen, Kayla Hipsher, Bailey Hipsher; two sisters, Jane (Floyd) Swaim of Floris, Iowa, Sue Richland of Allerton, Iowa; and a brother, Ronnie (Rose) Farris of Las Vegas, Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Terry Downing; grandson, Monte Comer; and a sister, Helen Rupe.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Matt Froah officiating. Burial will be at the Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Davis County. Visitation with family present to greet friends will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to the Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Gilead

14822 Unicorn Ave  
Floris, IA 52560

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Services

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Downing*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sympathy to the family. Sharon, so sorry for your lost.*

*Gloria (Hooper) Mathias*

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**Gloria Mathias** - September 07, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to you all in your loss. Betty was so kind and enjoyable to talk to, and a true friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Marilyn Downing*

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**Marilyn Downing** - September 07, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *Our Sympathy to the Downing Family. Betty was such a nice person and will always be remembered in our hearts. Loved visiting with her when she lived at Senior Housing in Baring. She was such a good friend to Terry.*

*Gary and Carolyn Snelling*

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**Carolyn Snelling** - September 07, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Downing.*



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September 06, 2017 at 10:56 PM



“ *Betty was a favorite at the Bloomfield Library. She always had a smile and was an avid reader. Patrons like her could always make you smile. Sharon was so nice to her and you could see they shared great feelings. So very sorry to all the family.*

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**Regina Gooden** - September 06, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Betty loved to read. Over the years she has read over half the books in the Library. We couldn't keep them coming fast enough for her. And she always enjoyed visiting with the wonderful Ladies who worked there. She always read books to her children when we were small and made sure we could read as we grew up.*

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**SHARON K BOYER** - September 06, 2017 at 05:48 PM



*So sorry for your loss Sharon, but know she has found her peace. Prayers for all of your family.*

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**Bobbi McClure** - September 06, 2017 at 08:32 PM



*Gary and family...Steve and I are so sorry for your loss, please know that you are in our thought's and prayers*

*Debbie and Steve Edwards*

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**Debbie** - September 07, 2017 at 09:46 AM

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*Gary, Suzanna, Shannon, Dakota, and all the Downing Family, We extend our sincerest sympathy to all of you for your loss of such a wonderful lady, we know she will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Richard, Pam, Shawn, Mindy, Landon, Lindley, Shane, Cutter and Reata*

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**The Richard Witherow Family** - September 07, 2017 at 09:52 AM

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*Sorry about your mom sherry, I lost cindy in MayGodBless you and your family. Wilbur Rupe*

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**wilbur Rupe** - September 09, 2017 at 12:38 PM