



Betty McConnell

June 15, 1926 - December 15, 2024

Betty McConnell passed over the rainbow on December 15, 2024. Born Betty Eileen Thompson in Bloomfield, IA, on June 15, 1926, to Wilbur Wesley and Wilda Bernadine Smock Thompson. She attended primary through 8th grade at the Belknap school and graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1944. She married Robert McConnell on March 12, 1949. He died in August 2000.

Her varied work experiences included in the office at the Morrell's meatpacking plant in Ottumwa (1944-1949), and in Bloomfield at the Exchange Bank (1949-1954), Elsie's Flower Shop (1976-1978), as proprietor of the Montgomery Ward Order store (1978-1986) and assisting her husband in his land improvement business for more than 40 years as his bookkeeper and "gofer." She always said her most important job was raising their two daughters, Neila and Lynn.

The community benefited from Betty's volunteer activities, especially while her daughters were at home. Her volunteer time included serving as a Brownie Scout leader, Mother Advisor for the Order of Rainbow for Girls, room mother several years for her daughters' classrooms, and as Sunday and Bible School teacher at the First Christian Church. Later in life, she volunteered for the Davis County Fine Arts Council where she assisted in theatrical productions.

Betty was also involved with several organizations including as a member of

the Order of Eastern Star for more than 60 years where she held several offices including Worthy Matron in 1959 and as a member of Past Matron's Club. Betty also belonged to the Chautauqua Club for more than 50 years. Betty was a member of the Bloomfield Christian Church for more than 50 years and for several of those years, Betty could be found at the church on Tuesdays where she quilted with several other women. Also, she sang soprano in the choir for years and belonged to Disciple Women's Fellowship where she served as Treasurer and President.

Betty is survived by daughters Neila Seaman of Bloomfield and Linnie (Dug) Schumacher of Kansas City, MO; grandchildren Riley (Jami) Seaman and Rachel (Brent Skelton) Seaman of Bloomfield, Cooper (Jamie Aragonez) Schumacher of Seattle, WA, Presley (Randy Richardson) Schumacher of Kansas City, MO; Brian Seaman of Pleasantville, IA, and Amy Penny of Bend, OR; great grandchildren Addyson, Zoey, Skyler, Emma, Audrina, Lyvia, Sadie, Chance, Henry, Kayden, Margo, Kolt, Kinze, James, Kayleigh, Jackson and Malia; seven nieces and nephews and their spouses and many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, both parents, brothers Gerald Thompson and his wife Mary, and James (Phyllis) Thompson, great grandson Jase Whitten, brother-in-law Jean McConnell and his wife Lucille, sister-in-law JoAnn Dixon and her husband Bill, nephew David Thompson and niece Debi Dixon Dawson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 21, at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Jim Wakelin officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery. Visitation will open at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, with Order of the Eastern Star services beginning at 4:30 p.m. followed by a visitation with the family present to greet friends until 7 p.m. at the funeral home. A memorial has been established to the Bloomfield

Christian Church or the family.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Order of the Eastern Star Services

DEC 20. 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
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Visitation with Family Present

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Sue White lit a candle in memory of Betty McConnell



Sue White - December 23, 2024 at 11:06 AM

DJ

“ Went to see Betty last week, and told her I loved her and she gave me a kiss. I will miss her very much.



Deb Jolley - December 20, 2024 at 08:28 PM

JH

“ Jackie Hopkins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Betty McConnell.



Jackie Hopkins - December 20, 2024 at 05:00 PM

KS

“ Karen Spargur lit a candle in memory of Betty McConnell



Karen Spargur - December 18, 2024 at 08:57 PM

ET

“ Eric T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty McConnell.

Eric T. - December 18, 2024 at 11:27 AM

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“ Eric T. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty McConnell.



Eric T. - December 18, 2024 at 11:27 AM

BB

“ They were such wonderful people. They treated Tricia and I like family. God truly blessed us both with having Bob and Betty as friends. Love to both, The Bird's

Bill Bird - December 18, 2024 at 10:21 AM

LY

“ Lynnroberts lit a candle in memory of Betty McConnell



Lynnroberts - December 17, 2024 at 07:59 PM

GS

“ I have known Betty for many years. She always would stop and visit .



Georgia Stevens - December 17, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Betty McConnell.



December 16, 2024 at 06:20 PM

SH

“ I have known Betty from way way back!! Neila and I were in the same class. I just love her so much so fun to talk to!! She will be in my memory for a long time!! 🙏💜🙏👍

Sherry Hopkins - December 16, 2024 at 05:42 PM

RG

“ Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Betty McConnell



Regina Gooden - December 16, 2024 at 02:08 PM