



Martha Utt

March 27, 1930 - February 24, 2021

Martha Jean Utt, 90, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on February 24, 2021 at her daughter's home in Bloomfield. She was born March 27, 1930 in Bloomfield to Haden and Eula McElhinney Craig. She graduated from high school in 1948 and married Harold Utt later that year on August 26, at the First Baptist Church in Bloomfield. She attended Iowa State Teacher's College and taught in a rural school for a few years. The couple purchased the family farm in 1957 and raised three children; Susan, Gary, and Jimmie. Many happy memories were created on the farm over the years and Martha cherished the time she had with her family. Harold and her (along with help from the kids) farmed together, raised livestock, and milked cows. Harold passed on May 8, 1985.

Martha spent many happy years chasing after grandchildren and attending all their events including baseball, softball, football, basketball, tennis, show choir, and livestock shows at the fair.

Martha was also an active member of the community. She was a member of the Bloomfield United Methodist Church, participated on a bowling team, and even joined a quilting group for the social aspects. She was famous for her chocolate chip cookies and her fried chicken. After the beef show at the Davis County Fair, she would always make fried chicken for everyone – a tradition that lasted for over 40 years.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan (Fred Zeitler) Utt-Smith of Bloomfield; two sons, Gary (Sue) Utt, Jimmie (Lori) Utt both of Bloomfield; eight grandchildren, Libby (Brandon) Wood of LaPlata, Missouri, Leslie (Blake) Lough, Lincoln (Ashley) Utt, Lindsay (Adam) Smith, Lori (Brandon) Bish, all of Bloomfield, Austin (Amber) Utt of Adel, Iowa, Calvin (Megan Sowa) Utt of Clive, Iowa, Justin (Fiancé Taylor Overstreet) Utt of Madison, Wisconsin; grandson-in-law, Eric Rowell of Rock Island, Illinois; 19 great-grandchildren; siblings, Margaret Fox, Marquette (Dan) Kinnamon both of Omaha, Nebraska, Hershel (Betty) Craig of Tucson, Arizona, Marilyn (Dick) Seeman of Georgetown, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; granddaughter, Amy Rowell; son-in-law, Maury Smith; and four brothers, Herbert, Haden Jr., Harold, and Homer Craig.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Rhonda Eakins officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin at noon on Sunday with the family present to greet friends from 4-6:00 p.m. at the funeral home. A memorial has been established to the Davis County Fair.

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Utt*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *My sympathy goes out to the family of my sweet, caring Aunt Martha. And how could I ever forget the happy, great 4th of July get togethers at the farm! There was always something for us younger ones to do or "get into".
I will always admire her for her constant encouragement to others, even though she herself had suffered great loss, including when she lost her loving husband.
I will always remember her with happy memories!*

- Kent Craig

Kent Craig - March 09, 2021 at 05:16 AM



“ *Peace, I pray for you - Martha's family; you are the ones that she loved so much and made her so happy.
My memories of Martha start in High School, as we started the same year, and I lived at the Craig house for awhile and shared Martha's bedroom.
As we walked home from school together, we shared so many laughs, hurts, and of course secrets. If you call me, I might tell you a couple of secrets.. but then again, I might not. :)
She will always be in my heart.*

*God Bless You,
Betty Craig*

Betty Craig - March 09, 2021 at 05:07 AM

TC

“ *Teddy & Mary Cary lit a candle in memory of Martha Utt*



Teddy & Mary Cary - March 01, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Utt.*



February 28, 2021 at 11:19 PM



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February 28, 2021 at 10:51 PM

JR

“ *Judy and Carl Ritz purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Martha Utt.*



Judy and Carl Ritz - February 28, 2021 at 12:09 PM

TG

“ *Bill and I know how important Martha was to everyone. We also know how wonderful you all were to her so know there are many many loving memories that will continue to be with all of you. She was very important to our daughter and lots of events she welcomed us warmly. It was our pleasure to have been fortunate to have known her. May you all remember her love, kindness and warmth with many memories.*

Our deepest sympathies to all.

Tari and Bill

Tari Grundmann - February 27, 2021 at 11:13 PM

JC

“ So sad after opening the Ottumwa paper. Martha set the standard for being a wife, mother, grandmother, friend and sports fan. She enriched so many lives and was one of my steadfast friends over many years. Just recently while visiting on the phone with Martha, I reminded her how in 1978, she came to visit me in the hospital while I was recovering from a serious car accident. I was very distressed because I couldn't eat any of the food. She called Harold and told him she would be home when she got a few things straightened out. And she did!! We traveled many miles together often with Helen Ritter and Joan Haskell to baseball games. Great memories.

Judy Combs - February 27, 2021 at 06:06 PM

MD

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the Utt family in the loss of your beloved Martha. She was a dear, sweet person and a genuine friend and neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Marilyn Downing, Ken, Phil, & Jeff

Marilyn Downing - February 27, 2021 at 12:04 PM

VR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember "Mother Martha" and her chocolate chip cookies. I still use her recipe. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Valerie Ritter - February 27, 2021 at 11:08 AM

CP

“ *The Utt family and Craig family are in my thoughts and prayers. My brother's and sister's, (the Willcoxson kids) and Craig kids grew up together. Being the youngest of 7 I knew Marquette and Marilyn. Of course I remember 2 oldest Utt's as you were closer to my age.*



Connie Blankenship Phillis - February 26, 2021 at 02:47 PM

GS

“ *Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Martha Utt*



Georgia Stevens - February 26, 2021 at 01:22 PM

BM

“ *To the Family of Martha Utt: So sorry for your loss. I went to school with Jimmy.*



Barbie Meredith - February 26, 2021 at 08:39 AM

BM

“ *Barbie Meredith sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Utt*



Barbie Meredith - February 26, 2021 at 08:37 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Utt.*



February 26, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Hi thier to the family of Martha I always like her and seeing her at bible sunday school she will be miss prayers and thoughts and sympathy to them lynn*

Lynn roberts - February 25, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ *Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Martha Utt*



Lynn roberts - February 25, 2021 at 11:02 PM

CH

“ I always looked forward to seeing Martha at I'm pretty sure every sporting event I attended. She was such a special lady. To hear of her passing truly breaks my heart. She was always present to cheer on her kids, grandkids, and so on. One night the weather changed quickly and snow was falling hard when we left a game and there was Grandma Utt cleaning her windshield. I ran over to help her and called Justin so he could follow her home. A few days later I received a thank you note in the mail. She was probably one of the most considerate and caring people I have had the honor of knowing. She made all the kids feel special. My son always thought the world of Grandma Utt and there is no doubt in my mind that there are many more that feel the same way. The entire family is in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. The Lord gained a very special Angel when he took Martha home.

Crystal Hopkins - February 25, 2021 at 10:46 PM

EG

“ Edward & Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Martha Utt



Edward & Regina Gooden - February 25, 2021 at 10:37 PM

EG

Martha was an avid reader and I always enjoyed her trips to the library. She could always make you smile and sometimes her humor was a little dry, but she was special.

Edward & Regina Gooden - February 25, 2021 at 10:40 PM



So saddened for your loss. Our hearts go out to all of you. She was a very special lady.

Cherri and Clinton Casteel

Cherri Casteel - March 01, 2021 at 02:48 PM