Elizabeth Van Genderen

Elizabeth “Betty” Gause Van Genderen, 83, of Lynnville died on Saturday, July 29, 2006, at the Hospice of Jasper County in Newton.

A graveside service will be held for the private family on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville.

The family welcomes friends to a “Celebration of Betty’s Life,” to be held in the Lynnville Friends Church basement from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1, as well.

She was a graduate of Lynnville High School and went on to receive her degree in nursing in 1942 at the Deaconess Hospital of Nursing in Marshalltown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps for two years during World War II.

On Feb. 21, 1945, she married Glen Van Genderen in Lawrence, Kan. After the war, the couple made their home in Lynnville. She was employed as office nurse in the office of Dr. R.E. Sparks in Lynnville for seven years, then became school nurse for the Lynnville-Sully and Sully Christian School districts. She retired in 1983 after 19 years.

She was active in community services including the local blood drive, the cancer society and the Lynnville Friends Church. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served on the board of the Wagaman Mill Museum.

She is survived by her children, Linda Van Der Kamp of Newton, Mike Van Genderen of Lynnville, and Marcia Grosenbach of Grinnell; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Louise Crews of Grinnell; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen; her parents, Harvey and Helen Gause; and her brothers, Hampton, Bruce and David Gause.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Jasper County, the American Cancer Society or the Wagaman Mill Museum.
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She was very active in community service including the local blood drive, the Cancer Society, and the Lynville Friends Church. She was a member of Eastern Star and served on the board of the Wagaman Mill Museum.

Betty’s memory is honored by her children: Linda (Gary) Van Der Kamp of Newton, Mike (Bev) Van Genderen of Lynville, and Marcia (AJ) Grosenbach of Grinnell; grandchildren: Tamera (Mark) Chew, Tracy (Darrin) Hamilton, Andy Grosenbach and Shawn Grosenbach; great-grandchildren: Tyler and Cody Hamilton; sister Louise Crews of Grinnell; and many nieces and nephews.

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