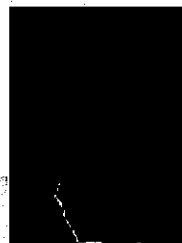


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Laberta "Betty" Ruth Everist, 92

Laberta "Betty" Ruth Everist, age 92, formerly of Brooklyn, passed away at the Bright Kavanagh House in Des Moines, on Feb. 24, 2012. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 21 at Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn. Memorials may be directed to a music scholarship in her name at BGM Community High School. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, is in charge of arrangements.



Betty was born Aug. 17, 1919, in Atlantic, the daughter of John and Ethel Sutton Rapp. She graduated from Atlantic High School with the class of 1936. Betty received her teaching certificate from the Iowa State Teachers College and continued on to The University of Iowa where she graduated in 1940 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music.

In 1942, Betty married Ronald Everist and the couple made their home on a dairy farm outside of Clemons, later moving to Holiday Lake near Brooklyn. Betty taught music in Clemons, West Marshall, and Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcom High Schools. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn where she served as choir director and organist for many years.

Following retirement, Betty and her husband resided in Rio Hondo, Texas, where she continued to work in the private and public school systems and as church organist in Harlingen, Texas, until returning to Iowa in 2007.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, John and Ethel Rapp; sister, Mina Rapp; brother, Cyril Rapp; husband, Ronald Everist; and granddaughter, Karrie Everist.

She is survived by her son, Ron (Connie) Everist of Burnsville, Minn.; and two daughters, Terri (Robert) O'Halloran of Phoenix, Ariz., and Myrna (Duane) Ver Ploeg of Newton; three grandchildren, Jenna Ver Ploeg of Des Moines, Kelsi (Bryan) Vander Meiden of Pella, and Allan (Misa) Everist of Lutz, Fla., and great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Madelyn Everist.

In addition to her family, Betty leaves a legacy of students influenced by her musical genius and passion for life.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.