

## BETTY BAYER

Apr. 8, 1943 - May 28, 2024



Betty Bayer, 81, of Guernsey, passed away Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at Brooklyn Community Estates.

Services were held June 3 at St. John's Lutheran Church south of Victor. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to St. John's Lutheran Church or to Lutheran Interparish School in Williamsburg, and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 485, Victor, IA 52347.

Betty Jean Hershey was born April 8, 1943 in Atkins, to Charles and Anna (Lockhart) Hershey. She was raised in Alburnett, and was graduated from Alburnett High School in 1962. She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids.

Betty was united in marriage to Martin Bayer on March 8, 1964 in Cedar Rapids. Their marriage was blessed with four children: Jeffrey, Joel, David, and Deborah. They farmed near Guernsey and Betty was a homemaker.

They were longtime members of St. John's Lutheran Church south of Victor and she was very active in Ladies Aid. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, and feeding and watching birds.

She also helped out on the family farm, driving tractor and sending out meals during planting and harvest season. Her greatest love was watching and spending time with her grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her husband, Martin Bayer of Guernsey; Jeffrey Bayer of Guernsey, Joel (Angie) Bayer of Victor, David (Kelly) Bayer of Guernsey, Debbie (Tony) Upah of Chelsea; 7 grandchildren, William, Owen, Emily, Ryan, Beth Bayer, and Lauren and Ava Upah; sister-in-law, Anetta Hershey; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Howard, Harry, and George Hershey; sister-in-law, Velma Hershey; and a grandson, Nolan Bayer.