



Betty Pittman, 89, died Sunday, June 10, 2007 at Bickford Cottage where she had been a resident. A memorial service for Betty will be held Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Faith United Church of Christ, Muscatine, and the Reverend Teresa Clark will officiate. A luncheon will follow the service at the church, and burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers are M.C. Fuller, Chet Hafner, Jerry Lamp, Rusty Lamp, Dick Lee, and Richard Turner. Honorary Pallbearers are James Coder and Ralph Daniello. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Faith United Church of Christ, Muscatine, or Witty Kitties, Inc., a special-needs shelter near Solon, Iowa for cats with compromised immune systems, 3133 Roberts Ferry Rd., Solon, Iowa 52333. Online condolences may be left to the Pittman family at www.lewisfuneralhomes.com.

Bettina (Betty) Hunter Pittman was born October 2, 1917 on her family's farm near Cranston, Iowa, the daughter of Aristarchus Cone Hunter and Pansy Artelle Pierson Hunter. She was a 1934 graduate of Muscatine High School and a member of Faith United Church of Christ. After graduating from high school, Betty attended Capitol City Commercial College, a business school in Des Moines. There she met Donald Pittman, and they were married March 24, 1940. Don preceded her in death in 1998. Betty worked as a legal secretary in Des Moines and in Minneapolis until her husband was drafted into the Army in World War II. She returned to the family farm for the duration of the war. Later, she also worked for Weber & Huston in Letts, and at the ASCS office, Mull Wholesale and Monsanto in Muscatine. After the war ended, Don and Betty farmed in western Iowa until 1951 when they moved to the family farm near Letts. Betty loved being a farm wife, and especially enjoyed being able to live on the farm that had been settled by a family member in 1837. She was a dedicated homemaker, and she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and baking, and was a devoted animal lover, caring for numerous dogs and cats throughout her life. She and Don took several trips throughout the western states, and Betty loved plotting their travel routes on the blue highways. The highlight of each summer was an annual fishing trip to Minnesota, accompanied by various children and grandchildren. Both Betty and Don loved fishing and relaxing while surrounded by their family members.

Survivors include three children: Dona Pearce and her husband, Jon, of Muscatine; Dana Pittman and his wife, Elizabeth of Letts; and Kent Pittman of Lincoln, Illinois; three grandchildren: Jenny Mullikin and her husband, Darin of Letts; Robert Pearce of Silver Spring, Maryland; Darren Pittman and his wife, Alice, of Muscatine; two step-grandchildren: Jeff Meiburg and Deb Halverson of Cedar Rapids; and Mandy Meiburg and Brock Duncan of Muscatine, Iowa. There are four great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren: Nathan Mullikin, Austin Daufeldt, Rachel Mullikin, Christopher Pittman, and Deanna and Michael Meiburg. A first cousin, Dr. Hunter Smith, resides in Florida.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother, Cone Hunter, and a step great-grandchild, Emily Duncan.