



## Janette Bakker Starkenburg

April 15, 1923 - March 3, 2019

Janette Bakker passed away on March 3, 2019, at the Christian Health Care Center at age 95. She was born on April 15, 1923 to Joe and Katherine Scholten and joined four older sisters. Janette and her parents moved from Edgerton, Minnesota to Lynden when she was nine years old.

She married Marinus Starkenburg in 1940 and they raised their family on a dairy farm in the Everson area. After selling the farm in 1970, they moved to British Columbia and homesteaded near Vanderhoof, BC. During their retirement years, the couple moved from Canada to California where they built a home, planted an orchard, and nearly celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Prior to Marinus' death in 1990, the couple moved back to Lynden.

Janette enjoyed reading, playing games, listening to gospel music, and visiting with friends. She volunteered at St. Joseph's Hospital for ten years and in 1993 married Charles Bakker.

Janette was preceded in death by her grandson Michael Starkenburg, her husband Marinus, second husband Charles, and four sisters. She is survived by four children: Everett (Jan) Starkenburg of Woodinville, Carolyn Silves of Ferndale, Shirley (Rob) VandenBosch of Edgerton, Minnesota, and Scott (Kathie) Starkenburg of 150 Mile House, BC, Canada, nine grandchildren and

numerous great grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place at Moles Farewell Tributes Greenacres (5700 NW Dr. Ferndale) on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 1:00PM.

The family would like to thank both the wonderful Christian Health Care Center and Whatcom Hospice staffs for their loving care.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To my cousins, Everett, Carolyn, Shirley, Scott and Families.  
I am sorry for the loss of your mom, my Aunt Net. I have many fond memories of time spent on the farm(s), and the trips to Engen, which lead our family to Canada as well. Lots of laughs, jokes and conversations. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the service, but know that I am thinking of you and wishing I could be there.  
Much love and hugs,  
Jill

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**Jill Starkenburg** - March 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ My family lived beside Rene and Janette for several years when I was a kid. They always made us feel welcome and were wonderful friends. My condolences to the family. My father passed away in 1987 but we all had a lot of laughs at their house or ours. I remember Rene's big loud hearty laugh and Janette always in the kitchen.  
I sure miss those days.  
Love from the Reimer clan  
Bill, Katie, Diane, Lori and Debbie

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**Lori Albers (Reimer)** - March 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ We're thinking of all of you. May the Lord give you comfort and strength. She was a delightful lady. With love from Pete and Barb Sietsema

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**Pete and Barb Sietsema** - March 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Carolyn and family. I am so sorry to hear of Janettes passing. She was a lovely woman and was so good to my grandpa Bakker. She faithfully stood by his side for many years and was a beautiful example of a strong and loving woman. May you all find peace and joy in your memories. Much love to you all.

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**Kary Bakker Smith** - March 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort be with you during this difficult time. You have my condolences.

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**Tara** - March 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM