



Etta de Jong

MAY 24, 1942 - MAR 26, 2025



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Our beloved Mom and Oma went to be with our heavenly Father on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. She was born on May 24, 1942 in Wanswerd aan de Streek, Friesland, The Netherlands. On July 11, 1947, her family immigrated to California and eventually settled in Del Mar on a dairy farm. She was the oldest of 11 children and enjoyed being able to drive tractor for her father and learn how to be loving and hardworking from her mother. Her first real job was a cashier at the Hollandia Dairy Cash and Carry.

On June 21, 1963, she married Rudolf Paul de Jong and together they raised 7 children. Faith and family were most important to her. She was very content taking care of her home and cherished most her daily devotions, coffeetimes, and meals with her husband. She loved the many baptisms, professions of faith and weddings of all her children and grandchildren that she was able to witness over the years. Family camping trips to Carlsbad Beach and Bass Lake as well as family reunions also brought her much joy. She loved to play scrabble and helped direct a prison ministry through her church.

She was preceded in death by her parents Simon and Elsie Vander Woude, infant brother Jouke Vander Woude, brothers William and Simon Vander Woude, sister Ingrid Vander Woude, sister in law Janice Vander Woude, and beloved husband Rudolf Paul de Jong.

She is survived by her children, William (Anita) de Jong of Escondido, CA, Lisa (Gary) Luurtsema of Holland, MI, Simon (Deb) de Jong of Nampa, ID, Greta (Rob) Wybenga of Murtaugh, ID, Rudolf (Gina) de Jong, Jr. of Hartford, MI, Annetta (Craig) Hommes of San Marcos, CA, and Arie (Tami) de Jong of Scotts, MI, and 31 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and more on the way. She is also survived by her sisters Joanne (Koos) Brouwer, Sylvia (Arie) Wilgenburg, and Tracy (Dennis) VanderStelt, her brothers Richard (Tana) Vander Woude, John (Judy) Vander Woude and Ed Vander Woude, and sisters in law Willy Vander Woude and Chris Vander Woude.



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There will be a Celebration of Life service at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Escondido United Reformed Church, 1864 N Broadway, Escondido, CA 92026. Funeral arrangements are with Alhiser-Comer Mortuary, 225 S. Broadway, Escondido 92025. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Westminster Seminary, Calvin Christian Schools, or Silverado Hospice.




Events

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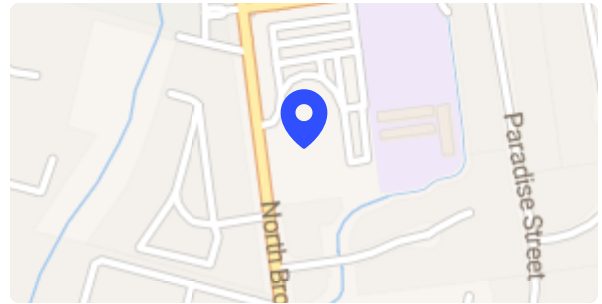
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Celebration of Life

 **Wednesday**, April 2, 2025

 11:00 AM PT

 **Escondido United Reform Church**
1864 N Broadway, Escondido CA 92026





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Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the de Jong family.



April 1 at 6:22 AM



Blyumin Family sent a Beautiful Dreams to the de Jong family.



March 31 at 6:46 PM



Sikkema Solutions sent a Medium Dish Garden to the de Jong family.



March 31 at 1:37 AM



Sikkema Solutions planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Etta.



March 31 at 1:37 AM



Rob, Sue And Dan Dykstra sent a Country Basket Blooms to the de Jong family.



March 31 at 1:34 AM



Erik Hoekstra posted:

Barb & I loved traveling to South Africa with Etta in 2015--and she was always a huge encourager to Dordt and to us in every way. She particularly was excited and supportive of Dordt's practical hands-on majors. It was a delightful joy to visit her just over a month ago at Eldorado. Thanks for sharing your Oma with me--I loved her very much. Erik Hoekstra, Dordt University.

March 30 at 3:08 PM



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BV

Brenda Vos posted:

Etta was always so sweet to us. She often "hired" me to clean the apartment and the cabin to help our kids' convention costs! I always enjoyed that job!

March 29 at 5:06 AM

MS

Margaret Strimple posted:

The Ed Wilgenburg family loved Etta and Rudy and their kids! Remember living near each other in San Marcos. Remember going to Sunday school every week and cramming all the kids in the back of the station wagons!! We pray gods grace and comfort and peace come over all family members!!

March 29 at 4:45 AM

BR

Brian posted:

So sorry about the loss of your mother. Your parents were foundational to the great Escondido community we all grew up in. Always fun, hardworking, and encouraging. Brian Wilgenburg

March 28 at 11:04 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Etta by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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