

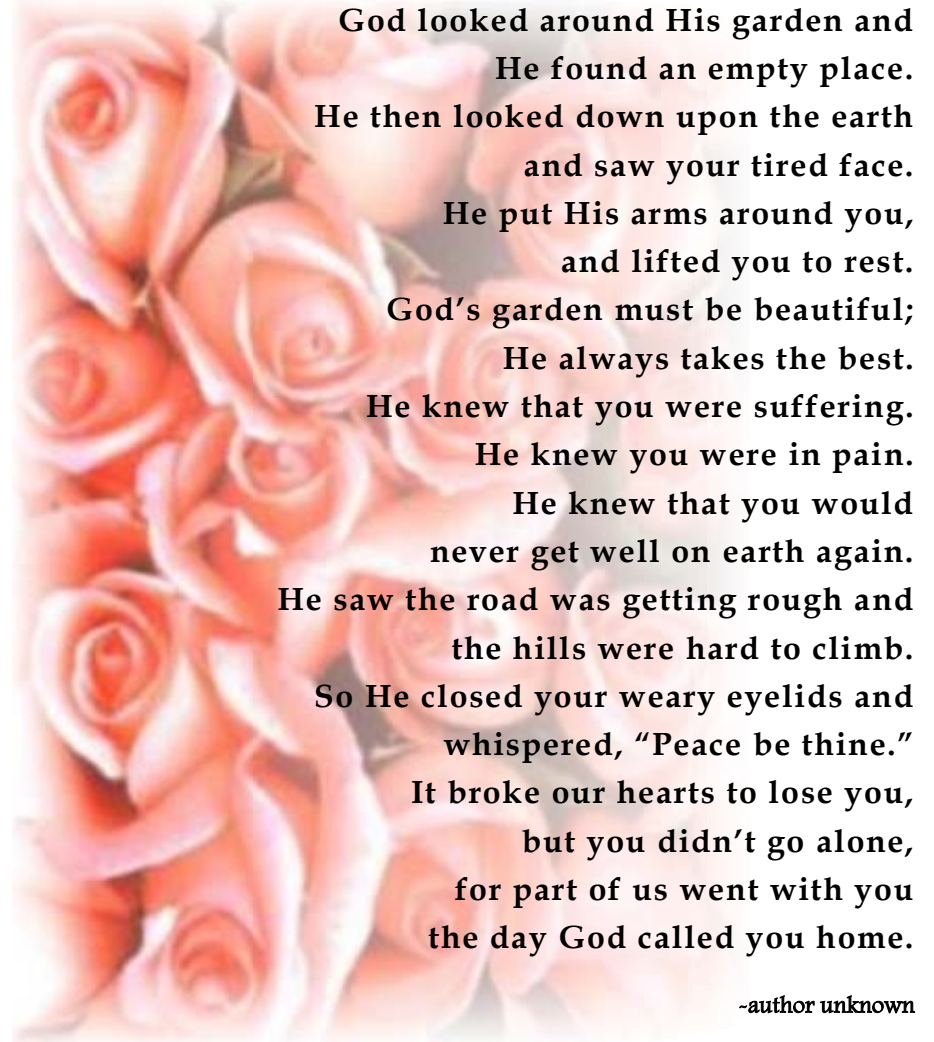
**B**erneta R. Harson Dunham, age 80, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, April 20, 2006 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Berneta Ruth Harson was born January 10, 1926 on a farm near Rowan in Wright County, Iowa to Harry James Harson and Carol Velva (Hoke) Harson. She attended grade school in Alexander, Iowa and graduated from Emmetsburg Public High School in 1943. Berneta continued her education at the former Iowa State Teachers College, now U.N.I., in Cedar Falls and started her teaching career on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday at a country school north of Emmetsburg. Berneta later earned a masters degree from Iowa State University. She taught in various elementary schools in Iowa, among them were Cylinder, Kingsley, Jefferson, Paton-Churdan, and Boone. At the time of her retirement, she had been principal at Remsen-Union for 19 years.

On June 10, 1951, Berneta was united in marriage to Vernon V. Dunham, Sr. Their union was blessed with two children, Vernon, Jr. and Nancy. Berneta was a loving wife and devoted mother and grandmother who treasured the time she spent with her family. In her later years, she delighted in her grandchildren and loved to attend their activities and just spend time with them. She enjoyed painting, sewing and reading, and spent many hours in community service. Berneta was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Storm Lake. She will be missed daily by all those who knew and loved.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Vernon Dunham, Jr. of Paullina, Iowa; daughter Nancy Steward and husband Thomas of Storm Lake; grandsons Thomas, David and James Steward of Storm Lake; sister Marion and husband Cecil Morgan of Storm Lake; sister Janice and husband Clifford Christensen of Alta, Iowa; sister Lowene Heaverlo of Council Bluffs, Iowa; sister Carol Douglas of Spencer, Iowa; sister Nancy Glackin of Dickens, Iowa; brother Don Harson and wife Virginia of Hartley, Iowa; sisters-in-law Ruth Harson of Emmetsburg, Iowa and Bonnie Harson of Spencer, Iowa; nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

Preceding Berneta in death were her parents, her husband, Vernon Dunham, Sr.; two infant brothers; brothers Robert Harson and Harold Harson, Sr.; and brothers-in-law Jim Heaverlo, Lyle Douglas and Al Glackin.



God looked around His garden and  
He found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you,  
and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful;  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would  
never get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough and  
the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids and  
whispered, "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone,  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.

-author unknown

*In Loving Memory*

**Berneta Ruth Dunham**

1926 — 2006



*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath on dawn,  
Make you shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

— Michall Joncas



**W**e wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed,  
and for your attendance at this service. You are invited for lunch and a time of  
fellowship at the church immediately following the funeral service.



*The Dunham Family*

## **IN MEMORY OF** *Berneta Ruth Dunham*

*January 10, 1926 — April 20, 2006*



### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

*Monday, April 24, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.*  
*First Baptist Church*  
*Storm Lake, Iowa*

### **CLERGY**

*Reverend Tom Hinshaw*

### **ORGANIST**

*Deanna Larson*

### **SOLOIST**

*Alan Buckingham*  
*"On Eagle's Wings"*

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"Old Rugged Cross"*  
*"In The Garden"*

### **CASKETBEARERS**

*Dennis Harson, Rodney Morgan, Gary Christensen*  
*Tom Glackin, Greg Harson, Harold Harson, Jr.*

### **INTERMENT**

*3:30 p.m.*  
*City Cemetery*  
*Jefferson, Iowa*



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