

Bernice Koenen, age 90, of Indianola, Iowa and formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Thursday, March 23, 2006 at Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines, Iowa.

Esther Bernice Brisbois was born October 23, 1915 to George Henry and Iva Mae (Schroll) Brisbois in rural Alta, Iowa. She grew up in the Alta community and received her education there, graduating from Alta High School in 1933.

On February 20, 1935 Bernice was united in marriage to John Koenen at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They were blessed with a son, Jerrald and a daughter, Jeanette.

Bernice will be remembered

by many people in the Storm Lake area as a kind and caring person who spent 32 years caring for people as a nursing assistant at what was then Buena Vista County Hospital. Upon retiring, she loved to work in her flower garden. After a long winter, you would often hear her remark, "I can't wait for spring so I can dig in the dirt!"



Bernice was a loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother, and a valued friend to many. Her gentle, caring presence will be missed daily by those who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Jerrald and wife Beverly Koenen of Creston, Iowa; daughter Jeanette and husband Larry Bork of

Eddyville, Iowa; nine grandchildren, many great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; sister Marjorie Pender of Alta; brother Donald Brisbois of Storm Lake; extended family and a host of friends.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; one sister, Betty Coxe; two brothers, Henry and James Brisbois; granddaughter Shannon Koenen; and great-granddaughter Sydnee Mae Koenen.



Though your smile is gone forever, Your hand we cannot touch,
Mom, we have so many memories, We still love you so much.

Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part.

God has you in His keeping,

We have you in our hearts.



**In Loving Memory
Bernice Koenen**

1915 — 2006

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness for
His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for Thou art with me;


Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me;

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;

**And I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.**

—Psalm 23

 We 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 United Methodist Church in Storm Lake immediately
following the memorial service.

The Koenen Family

In Memory Of

Bernice Koenen

October 23, 1915 — March 23, 2006

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 25, 2006
Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home
Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Jamie Cutler

MUSIC

Special Recorded Selections
"How Great Thou Art"
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"
"I Can Only Imagine"

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