



Bernice Koster

November 27, 1929 - September 9, 2014

Bernice Koster, age 84, of Fonda, Iowa died Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at the Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Funeral Mass will be Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place Friday, September 12, 2014 from 4-8:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. The Mahaney Funeral Home in Fonda is in charge of the arrangements.

Bernice Clara Koster was born to Vincent and Mary (Pudenz) Broich on November 27, 1929 in Mt. Carmel, Iowa. She received the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. She graduated in 1947 from St. Angela's Academy, Carroll, Iowa. On October 24, 1950 she was united in the Sacrament of Matrimony to Doyle John Koster in Mt. Carmel, Iowa. They were blessed with 15 children: Patricia, Rita, Howard, Michael, Phillip, Lois, Marian, Matthew, Jolene, Gloria, Julie, Ann, Teresa, Mary and Kathryn.

A true testament to a person's life is how she lived her life and, oh, how she lived a beautiful life. Bernice was a faith filled gracious, gentle and loving daughter, sister, wife, sister-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a patient lady and often repeated "things will always work out." Mom was a very devoted mother.

Bernice and Doyle made their first home on a farm near Breda, Iowa. From there, they moved to a farm near Wall Lake, Iowa, and in 1959 they purchased a farm north of Fonda where she lived until her death. Bernice was a long time active member of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish where all 15 of her children attended school. Bernice was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Holy Family Society and, for a short-time, was the hot lunch cook at OLGC Grade School.

Bernice lived to love and nurture her family. Among her many talents, she enjoyed being a farmer's wife, the outdoors, gardening, baking, decorating, keeping a clean house, painting, quilting, canning, and sewing. Her community activities included Hobby Club, card club playing, and being a long-term 4-H club leader. Bernice was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan and watched them play daily every season.

Bernice was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, prayed the rosary daily at 5:45 p.m., and only God knows how many other times in a given day. She went to bed each night with the rosary in her hands. Surrounded by her family praying the rosary, she entered into rest peacefully on Tuesday, September 9th, 2014.

Those left to cherish and celebrate her memories include her children: Pat (Jim) McMannus, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Rita (Jerry) Simpson, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Howard (Deb) Koster, Carroll, Iowa; Mike (Dalena) Koster, Fonda, Iowa; Phil (Cathy) Koster, Ankeny, Iowa; Lois (Kent) Peterson, Concord, California; Marian Koster, Carroll, Iowa; Matt (June) Koster, Fonda, Iowa; Jolene (John) Baumhover, Ankeny, Iowa; Gloria (Al) Kuhn, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Julie (Roger) Batterson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Teresa (Pat) McElroy, Sioux City, Iowa; Mary (Rick) Whitham, West Des Moines, Iowa; Kathryn (Jeff) Schultz, Fariibault, Minnesota, 44 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, sisters: Lota Mae (Claire) Hannasch, Tracy, Minnesota, and Marie (Neil) Steinkamp, Wall Lake, Iowa; sisters-in-law: Marguerite Broich, Carroll, Iowa; Virginia Broich, Lake View, Iowa; Katherine Broich, Carroll, Iowa; Maxine (Marvin) Heinirchs, Fulda, Minnesota; Dolores Koster, Carroll, Iowa; Ruth (Clete) Heinrichs, Marshalltown, Iowa; brothers-in-law: Roger and Darlene Koster, Elkader, Iowa; Leroy (Joanell) Koster, Breda, Iowa and many nieces and nephews.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Doyle; daughter, Ann; great granddaughter, Anne Muriel Thompson; parents, Vincent and Mary Broich; step-mother, Emma Broich; brothers: Virgil, Paul, Mel, and Harold Broich.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 12. 4:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Visitation

SEP 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
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Service

SEP 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Interment

SEP 13 (CT)

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery
Fonda, IA 50540

Tribute Wall



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Bernice Koster.*



September 12, 2014 at 01:10 PM

MB

“ *I remember playing in Bernice's basement with Crista. It was so big, we had a "house" and another room where we went to "school." I remember playing Ewoks in the little cottage outside. I have such great memories growing up with Bernice and her daughters. She will be missed. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Melissa Wadle Boller

Melissa Wadle Boller - September 12, 2014 at 11:00 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Bernice Koster.*



September 11, 2014 at 01:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice Koster.*



September 11, 2014 at 01:06 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Bernice Koster.*



September 11, 2014 at 11:59 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Bernice Koster.



September 11, 2014 at 10:33 AM

BS

“ Beth S. purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Bernice Koster.



Beth S. - September 11, 2014 at 08:57 AM

KM

“ Our sympathy and prayers to the family. We have many fond memories of the Koster family growing up. Bernice always seemed to take things in stride, had a positive outlook. She will be missed. Ken and Joan

Ken and Joan Mohr - September 11, 2014 at 07:15 AM

MM

“ Prayers for your family, she will always be with you in your memories. and with your Dad watching over you. Larry and Marilyn Mahler

Marilyn Mahler - September 10, 2014 at 04:57 PM



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