



Bernice E. Welp

February 26, 1929 - July 24, 2017

Bernice E. Welp, age 88, of Storm Lake, Iowa died July 24, 2017 at her home in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 28, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Bernice E. Schmidt was born February 26, 1929 in Cherokee County the daughter of Herman and Betty (Janssen) Schmidt.

Growing up, she attended school in Aurelia where she graduated from Aurelia High School in 1948. While attending high school, Bernice was a member of Future Homemakers of America, Glee Club and Operetta.

Bernice was united in marriage to John W. Matthews. Together, they were blessed with three children: Jerry, Julie and Bonnie.

She attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake where she was baptized in 1965. Years ago, Bernice was involved with Catholic Daughters of

America.

On July 3, 1965, Bernice was united in marriage to Eugene J. Welp at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake.

Bernice enjoyed morning coffee and breakfast with many friends, especially Naomi Shaeffer, at the Pantry in Storm Lake. Sunday breakfast at Lakeshore Café in Storm Lake with family was very important to Bernice and she treasured making many memories there. She also enjoyed going to supper every Friday evening with her friend, Betty Nordine of Early. Christmas was Bernice's favorite holiday that she spent with her family. In her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting, knitting, reading and doing crafts. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Jerry (Kathy) Matthews of Storm Lake, Iowa; Julie (Kevin) Dreher of Lakeside, Iowa; Bonnie (Scott) Bonebrake of Early, Iowa; grandchildren: Theresa (Travis) Hoffpauir of Des Moines, Iowa; Joshua (Melissa) Matthews of Norfolk, Nebraska; Jeffrey (Dr. Lisa) Matthews of Alta, Iowa; Lindsey (Heath) Stille of Lakeside, Iowa; Keaton Dreher of West Des Moines, Iowa; Ryan Bonebrake of Bangkok, Thailand; Collin Bonebrake of Early, Iowa; April (Chris) Auten of Jefferson, Iowa; great grandchildren: Oliver D. Matthews, Savannah Auten, Brooklyn R. Yeager, and Greyson G. Stille; extended family and many friends.

Bernice was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Beverly Ann Matthews; parents, Herman and Betty Schmidt; and her husband, Eugene J. Welp.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EL

“ *Bernice was the mother of my sweet neighbor friend and teacher. I know the Bonebrake family is going through a very rough time right now.*

Elizabeth - August 01, 2017 at 06:59 PM

MR

“ *I was sad today to read that Bernice passed away. I delivered meals to Bernice over the last year, and she was always happy to see me. We would have a little conversation about the weather, and she would be sure to give a piece of candy as I left. I am sorry for your loss. Bernice was an inspiration-a true sweet spirit.*
Margie Robinson

Margie Robinson - July 31, 2017 at 09:28 AM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 28, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Bernice E. Welp.*



July 26, 2017 at 06:15 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Bernice E. Welp*




Barbara Smith - July 26, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Bernice E. Welp.*



July 26, 2017 at 01:00 PM

 Keaton Dreher

“ *Keaton Dreher lit a candle in memory of Bernice E. Welp*



Keaton Dreher - July 26, 2017 at 11:30 AM

KB

“ *Keith/ Pat Bjorkgren lit a candle in memory of Bernice E. Welp*



Keith/ Pat Bjorkgren - July 26, 2017 at 10:57 AM

DJ

“ I have so many memories of Bernice but the ones that I remember the most were her popcorn balls at Halloween and she was always knitting or crocheting. I am so sorry for the loss of your mother.



Debra Boyd Jensen - July 26, 2017 at 09:20 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Bernice E. Welp.



July 25, 2017 at 05:24 PM

Terri Shaeffer-Swanson

“ Terri Shaeffer-Swanson lit a candle in memory of Bernice E. Welp



Terri Shaeffer-Swanson - July 25, 2017 at 03:40 PM

RW

“ I will miss the Sunday morning breakfast get together. I thought it was awesome that you would take her to breakfast every Sunday Jerry. Angela and I send our thoughts and prayers to you and the whole Family and Friends. Angela and Ralph Wiley

Ralph Wiley - July 25, 2017 at 11:47 AM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Bernice E. Welp*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - July 25, 2017 at 11:09 AM