



Bernice Emma Craig

December 24, 1924 - October 7, 2021

Bernice Emma (Plaehn) Craig was born December 24, 1924 daughter of Henry and Emma (Theisen) Plaehn. She was #9 of 10 children: Beulah Hauschildt, Harold, Lois Wickliffe, Earl, Alta Arp, Chuck, Paul, Kenny and Leonard.

Bernice married John D. Craig March 29, 1947 in Reinbeck, Iowa.

John and Bernice farmed in Tama and Grundy Counties and spent most of their years in Dike. Bernice attended Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) for 1 year and taught country school near Morrison. As was the case surrounding the Depression and WWII, Bernice helped the family by bartending at her father's tavern in Reinbeck after teaching during the day. Bernice was employed at W.T. Grant Department Store and as head cook for many years in the Dike Community Schools. Bernice was a member of Fredsville Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School, served on Church Council, helped establish the Thursday morning quilting group and helped in the kitchen at numerous events. Bernice also volunteered for the Brain Injury Association of Iowa following son Bob's traumatic brain injury. Bernice often joked and commented on her numerous major surgeries and her attitude of survival - to look on the positive side of life. She commented on how poor her family must have been when she was growing up, though she never really knew about the financial struggles because there was always love and laughter.

Bernice loved farm life especially the fall and harvest. She loved animals,

nature and music. She enjoyed sewing, needlework, cooking, card playing, reading and her tea roses. Most of all Bernice was a devoted mother and loyal friend.

Bernice is preceded in death by her husband in 1991, infant twins, and sons Dennis Craig and Bob Craig. Bernice is survived by her daughter Jean (Jim) Loger; grandchildren Lance (Melissa) Loger and Heidi (Jeremy) Mounce; great grandchildren Sawyer, Sierra and Shayden Loger and Miles and Violet Mounce. Survivors also include daughter-in-law Lynn Craig and grandchildren Bill, Brad (Amy) and Michelle Craig; great-grandchildren Ariel and Ashlynn Williams, Madison (Chris) Wiggins, and Colton and Chase Craig. Additional survivors include brother Leonard (Beverly), sisters-in-law Darlene Plaehn, Betty Craig and many nieces, nephews and friends. Special friends and regular visitors include Jane Campbell, Evelyn Andorff, Betty Fischer and her Fredsville family.

Funeral services 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 11, 2021 at Fredsville Lutheran Church, with interment in the church cemetery, both in rural Cedar Falls.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the church and also one hour prior to the services. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Bernice was so appreciative of the care and compassion given to her at Parkview Manor in Reinbeck. Jean and Jim wish to extend a sincere thank you to all the nurses and staff at Parkview. Their personalized care and teamwork is the best.

Cemetery Details

Fredsville Lutheran Church Cemetery

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Fredsville Lutheran Church
32756 150th Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Funeral Service

OCT **11**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice was a special lady. I always enjoyed visiting with her and I usually learned something new and fun to know. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Doug and Marnie Stewart and family

Marnie Stewart - October 12, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Bernice was always such a kind person to all. I remember her at school, always with a kind smile to all the students as they passed picking up their food trays. She had everything well organized and was a friend to all.*
As my neighbor, she was just as kind and her smile was comforting to everyone. She was one of the “moms” who looked out for all of us neighbor kids. A wonderful mom to her own kids! My heart is saddened for her family.

Donna Schmeidel - October 10, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bernice Emma Craig.*



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