



Theresa Riesenberg

September 7, 1939 - November 3, 2015

Theresa Riesenberg, 76, of Halbur, died Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 7, 2015 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Halbur. The celebrant will be Fr. Steven Brodersen. Mass servers will be Emily Riesenberg, and Carrie Riesenberg. Music will be by Julie Sibbel, Sonya Riesenberg, and the St. Augustine Choir. Lectors will be Tricia Ezekwe, Matt Riesenberg, and Craig Riesenberg. Gift Bearers will be Tatianna Riesenberg, Jolie Riesenberg, Athena Riesenberg, and Adara Ezekwe. Eucharistic ministers will be Don Riesenberg, Tricia Ezekwe, and Irene Schroeder. Casket Bearers will be Jeremy Riesenberg, Christopher Riesenberg, Adam Riesenberg, Andy Riesenberg, Jack Riesenberg, and Sean Riesenberg. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, after 4:30 p.m. on Friday, where there will be a rosary prayed at 5 p.m., and a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m.

Visitation will resume at St. Augustine Church starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, and will continue until the time of the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the funeral home or at the church to be directed to the family for a later designation.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Theresa's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on September 7, 1939 in Dedham, Iowa, Theresa Frances was the daughter of Frank and Anna (Gruber) Peter. She grew up near the Dedham community and attended St. Joseph School. Theresa later attended St. Angela's Academy before she graduated with one of the first classes from Kuemper Catholic High School.

On November 17, 1958 Theresa was united in marriage to Lavern Riesenbergs at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dedham. The couple made their home on the Riesenbergs Family Farm near Halbur. The couple were actively engaged in grain and livestock farming. In addition, she was a devoted homemaker. Theresa worked many part-time jobs, in her early years, and later she worked full time for New Hope Village in Carroll.

Theresa enjoyed flowers and her vegetable gardens. Most of all she enjoyed the time she spent with her family. She was known for her strength and faith. She was a former member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and an active, long time member of St. Augustine Parish in Halbur.

Theresa is survived by her husband Lavern Riesenbergs of Halbur; 13 children: Dave (Colleen) Riesenbergs of Manson, Dale (Linda) Riesenbergs of Sioux City, Don (Michele) Riesenbergs of West Bend, Denise (Jeff) Petty of Princeton, Tom (Julie) Riesenbergs of Carroll, Chuck (Lisa) Riesenbergs of West Bend, Scott (Marie) Riesenbergs of Cedar Rapids, Russ (Tracy) Riesenbergs of Roselle, Tricia (Ben) Ezekwe of Kansas City, MO, Craig (Sonya) Riesenbergs

of Muscatine, Matt (Helene) Riesenbergr of Springfield, VA, Kris (Anna) Riesenbergr of Egan, MN, and Nic (Diana) Riesenbergr of Hagerstown, MD; 29 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; her siblings: Bob (Jane) Peter of Dedham, Betty Riesenbergr of Carroll, Frances (Kenneth "Shorty") Wieland of Templeton, and Carol (Vernon) Irlmeier of Glidden; her sisters-in-law: Irene (Bob) Schroeder of Carroll, and Laura Wernimont of Carroll; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents; and her siblings: Marie Danner, Alfred Peter, Rose Maile, Dorothy Ziegmann, and Lucille Ziegmann.

Tribute Wall

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“ May the family and friends of Theresa be comforted by the promise that God " will swallow up death forever, and will wipe the tears from all faces.." (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful time to look forward to when we'll never have to experience losing those dear to us in death ever again!

Reene - November 20, 2015 at 06:39 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to LaVerne and Family. Such a wonderful mother, grandmother, wife, and friend to so many. So many memories of the school bus route years ago. Such a wonderful family.
Dave and Patty Stitz and Family.

Dave Stitz - November 08, 2015 at 08:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theresa Riesenberg.



November 06, 2015 at 04:10 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theresa Riesenberg.



November 06, 2015 at 12:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theresa Riesenber.*



November 05, 2015 at 10:33 PM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy to all you Riesenber's on the passing of Theresa. My heart skipped a beat when I heard.....such a nice lady and always friendly. A wandering Sunday drive might happen us by the old farmplace near Halbur.....and smiles spread across the face as we near the stop sign on the gravel road, wondering: "I wonder what the Riesenber's are up to?" Although I didn't grow up with the older bunch, you all look alike and can always identify by looks. May the Lord comfort you during this difficult time~
Hugs,
Pam (Stitz) and Chris Kitt family*

Pam Kitt - November 05, 2015 at 10:30 PM



“ *MMC Facilities Engineering purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Theresa Riesenber.*



MMC Facilities Engineering - November 05, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Theresa Riesenberg.*



November 04, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ *Lavern and family you all are in our thoughts and prayers Theresa was such a loving person to her husband, children and grandchildren and to anyone she meant she is now in Gods hands singing with the angels God bless you all Ross and Michelle and girls*

Michelle Schuette - November 04, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ *Michelle Schuette lit a candle in memory of Theresa Riesenberg*



Michelle Schuette - November 04, 2015 at 11:51 AM

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“ Lavern and Family, You are in our thought and prayers at this difficult time..Growing up with your family we spent a lot of time with you all. I will cherish all those memories. Making donuts at my moms house. Mom and Theresa could not make them fast enough. Spending weekends together she was always so full of life. Probably the last time I talked to her was at the family reunion and when she talked about you kids she was so proud of all of you..You had such an amazing mom and I had the greatest Aunt ever.. Theresa meant the world to me. We will miss her dearly. Love
Renee

Renee - November 03, 2015 at 04:20 PM