



Bernita Epperly

March 16, 1928 - June 4, 2015

Bernita E. Epperly, 87, of Milton, Iowa passed away June 4, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society in Keosauqua, Iowa. She was born March 16, 1928 in Cantril, Iowa to LaRue Austin and Frieda Kaiser Wilson. She married Jack Madden and they later divorced. She married Walter Epperly and he preceded her in death in May 1998. Bernita was a farmer and a member of the Lebanon United Methodist Church. She enjoyed sewing, singing in a women's quartet, and taking care of her grandchildren.

She is survived by her two daughters, Ramona (Jim) Adkins of Urbandale, Iowa, Renee Reed of Pleasantville, Iowa; son, Ross (Myra) Madden of Bloomfield, Iowa; step-daughter, Jeanne Frontz of Victoria, Texas; step-son, Gary Epperly of Dallas, Texas; twelve grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Anna Kathleen Geith of Homestead, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands.

No services are planned and scattering of the cremains will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established to the Lebanon United Methodist Church and may be mailed to her son, Ross Madden, at 23625 Lilac Ave, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernita Epperly*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to Ramona, Renee, Ross and their families for their loss. My girls and I have been so sad since we first heard she was not doing well. We had hoped to go visit her this summer. She was the best Grandma to my girls they could have ever had. We have so many happy memories going to the farm and spending time with Dad and her. She never complained about all the extra cooking for our family, including Gary's. My girls loved going and would beg to stay for a week in the summers, which they did until we moved to Texas. I really missed our visits once we moved away. They came to Texas one time for a visit and we had a blast down at the coast. They acted like kids wading in the Gulf and feeding the Seagulls. They were both nature lovers and enjoyed all of the birds that lived in their bird boxes Dad made, especially the Blue Birds. My heart aches for our family and our final loss. May God bless and watch over you during the difficult times ahead. We love you all. Jeanne Epperly Frontz, Wendi Baskett Barnes, and Melanie Baskett Riley - Victoria, Texas*

Jeanne Frontz - June 10, 2015 at 12:45 PM



“ *So Sorry. So many special memories of Bernita (& Walt) including picnics, get-to-gathers at the farm and at the cabin, cutting down Christmas trees together, card night.. Yes, she was a loving, caring lady who is missed. The Jay Williams Family*

Shann Williams - June 07, 2015 at 03:36 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear this...I spent many fun times at her home. She was the first person who taught me how to make pizza! You remember the kind in a box that had all the fix ns in it! I will always remember her as avery kind, generous and beautiful lady. Sending love from my heart to all of her family. Patty Manske Gallegos

Patty Manske Gallegos - June 06, 2015 at 12:10 PM