



## Ruth Benge

March 19, 1916 - April 4, 2016

Ruth Ellen Benge, 100, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on April 3, 2016 at the Bloomfield Care Center. She was born March 19, 1916 in Davis County, Iowa to John and Bessie Beard Harris. She married Clifford Raymond Benge on July 20, 1935 in Lancaster, Missouri. He preceded her in death on February 12, 1975. Ruth worked as a cook at various restaurants in Bloomfield and was also a driver for the Amish in Davis County. She was a very hard working, caring, and loving person; always making sure the needs of others were met before thinking of herself. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, crocheting, and watching baseball. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She was a member of the West Grove United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Darlene (Carl) Ritz of Bloomfield, Donna Jean Burdett of Ottumwa, Iowa, Nadine Day of Bloomfield; 13 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 43 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Fay Harris.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers, Carl, Lowell, Roy, and Homer Harris; and two sisters, Mildred Foster and Helen Johnson.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Dave Albert officiating. Burial will be at the West Grove Cemetery in West Grove, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday with the family present to greet friends from 6-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Bloomfield Care Center Activity Fund or Hospice of Wapello and Davis Counties.

# Cemetery Details

## West Grove Cemetery

Echo Ave  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

APR 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Services

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APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Benge*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



Shannon Sinnott

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



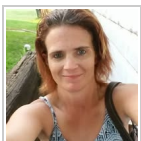
Shannon Sinnott - June 16, 2016 at 07:35 PM



“ *Ruth was a very caring person and I know that she will be missed by everyone that knew her. She was a good aunt to me and we enjoyed going to her house in West Grove back in the 50s.*

*Gene Harris*

Gene Harris - April 08, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ *Whenever I saw her she looked at me and had the biggest smile. She was my buddy. I will never forget her always wanting to cover up with the blanket I have her at Christmas.*



Ramona McCall - April 05, 2016 at 12:54 PM

Jackie  
Kapsch

“ *U will be so dearly be missed by all, your smile would light up any room and always brighten our days.*



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**Jackie Kapsch** - April 05, 2016 at 10:13 AM

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“ *Mandy lit a candle in memory of Ruth Benge*



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**Mandy** - April 04, 2016 at 07:44 PM

Dana  
Day

“ *Dana Day lit a candle in memory of Ruth Benge*



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**Dana Day** - April 04, 2016 at 07:08 PM

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“ A wonderful lady!! I remember years ago when she worked with Mom at the R&L Truck Stop on her birthday and she asked me how old I thought she was. Being a youngster I told her that she was old so she must be 38!! For years after that whenever I would see her I would ask "how are you getting along 38", she would laugh and tell me she was fine!! One of the greatest cooks around!! I'm sure the pies are in the oven and the coffee pot is brewing in heaven today when she sits down with Mom and the rest of the truck stop gang!! They will all have smiles and the stories will begin. God Bless and Rest in Peace 38!!

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**Michael Kerby** - April 04, 2016 at 02:06 PM

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Ruth's girls Darlene, Jean, Nadine, & I grew up together and we had great times. She was always and forever taking us or coming to get us from something. She was such a great and caring lady. She will be greatly missed by all.

*Glennis Ward*

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**Glennis Ward** - April 08, 2016 at 06:53 PM