



## Alice "Coleen" Lenger

September 12, 1939 - January 8, 2017

Alice "Coleen" Lenger , age 77, of Albia, passed away on January 8, 2017 at her home under the care of HCI Hospice.

Coleen was born on September 12, 1939 to Orland and Alice (Howard) Sterner in Mahaska County. She grew up and attended Bussey High School, graduating with the Class of 1957. On June 20, 1959 she was united in marriage to Dan Lenger at St. Peter's Church in Lovilia, Iowa. To this union six children were born, Timmy, Denise, Ann, Mary, Danny, and Jim. Coleen and Dan shared 52 years of marriage together until Dan's passing in 2011.

Coleen worked as a farmwife her entire life. She was also employed at the Mahaska Bottling Company in Oskaloosa before retiring after 28 years. She was a member of the St. Peter's Church and Altar and Rosary Society in Lovilia. Coleen considered the church ladies as her very close friends and always enjoyed working and preparing church meals with them. She enjoyed her flower and vegetable garden, baking, cooking, crocheting, sewing and traveling with her husband Dan. She always put family first and her real joy in life was spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Coleen is survived by her children, Denise Fisher of Lovilia, Ann McCloud of Albia, Mary (Pat) Wynn of Albia, Danny Lenger of Newton IA and Jim Lenger

of Anamosa, IA; eleven grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren; a sister, Karen (Wes) King; a brother, John (Rhonda) Sterner and her beloved dog, "Puppy".

She is preceded in death by her parents, Orland and Alice; her husband, Dan; a son in infancy, Timmy and a sister, Linda.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 12, 2017 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Mark Yates C.P.P.S. and Father Michael Volkmer C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Coleen's family present from 3 to 8 p.m. A 4:00 p.m. rosary will be led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society.

Memorials have been established to HCI Hospice, St. Mary's Cemetery or St. Peter's Altar and Rosary Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Rosary

JAN 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
730 Benton Ave W  
Albia, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ Alice "Coleen" Lenger

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Alice "Coleen" Lenger

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Thinking of you all and sending lots of prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time.



Tara Lenger - January 12, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ Denise, Ann, Mary, Danny, Jim:  
I remember when my brother Dan first introduced your mother to our family. Here was this pretty little (size 0) girl to meet us. In the spring, Dan asked me to be her sponsor in baptism, which I felt honored to do. Coleen was a good-hearted Christian, always remembering others. They were married the June before John and I.  
When the last parent is gone, you become the oldest generation, which all five of you can handle easily. I'm sorry I can't tell you in person but be assured I am thinking of you at this time. John and I extend our sympathy.  
Aunt Marge

Marge Comer - January 11, 2017 at 07:05 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice "Coleen" Lenger.*



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January 10, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Alice "Coleen" Lenger.*



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January 10, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alice "Coleen" Lenger.*



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January 10, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about your loss. We were good friends of Jerry and Linda so as such we got to know their families too. Coleen was also my friend...I loved her sense of family and her no nonsense way of dealing with things.*

*Our deepest sympathy to Karen, John, and their families.*

*Jerry and Lois Haines*

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**Jerry and Lois Haines** - January 10, 2017 at 09:06 AM

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“ *A very special lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

**Gwen Vandegeest** - January 10, 2017 at 08:42 AM

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“ *Fond memories of Coleen when we much younger. Our parents were great friends.*

*Deepest sympathies to her family.*

*Joanne Scott Day*

**Joannr** - January 10, 2017 at 08:25 AM

 Chris  
Dickerson

“ *So sorry for your loss...what a great lady! I have so many fond memories of her. I think my greatest memories were being treated as part of the family and being able to call this my second home. If you woke up there on Saturday morning you got a chore list just like everyone else. Heaven definitely gained an angel!*

**Chris Dickerson** - January 09, 2017 at 07:05 PM

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“ *My condolences, prayers and hugs so sorry for your loss.*



**Patti Gray See** - January 09, 2017 at 09:41 AM