



Arlene F Bernard

June 25, 1924 - May 18, 2012

Arlene F. Bernard, age 87, of Albia, passed away Friday, May 18, 2012, at Ridgewood Care Center in Ottumwa.

Arlene was born June 25, 1924 in Columbus Junction, IA to Earl and Lois (Orr) Bettis. She graduated from Albia High School in 1942. She attended Central College and later Drake University and for many years taught in country schools and in the elementary grades in the Blakesburg and Albia districts. Arlene and John lived in Illinois for several years and upon returning she managed the North Casey's store in Albia.

Arlene married John D. Bernard on December 24, 1945, at the Presbyterian Church in Albia. John died on May 19, 2006. She was a long time member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she was active in the Women's Circle and Trinity Builders Sunday school class. She enjoyed Witnessing for the Lord by drawing and making bulletin boards for her church.

Arlene is survived by her four daughters, Sheryl Briggs of Rock Island, IL, Shirley Walker of Ottumwa, Sandi (Dave) Johnson of Albia, and Sheila DeBolt of Sandwich, IL; seven grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and her sister, Wanda Johnson of Albia.

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband; parents; an infant brother,

Rollin; an infant sister, Marilyn; her brother, Donald; and a son-in-law, Ronald Walker.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Neil Montz officiating. Burial will be in Service Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will open to the public at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Arlene's family present from 6-8 p.m

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A scholarship will be established in Arlene's name at the Albia Community High School, for anyone pursuing a teaching degree.

A memorial will be established to Monroe County Historical Society Schoolhouse museum.

Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene F Bernard*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Dear Sheryl and Family,
So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers
are with you all. God Bless and know i am thinking of you all today!*

cindy massa - coalvalley , IL - friend of sheryl - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and I'm thinking of all you sisters and your
families at this sad time. It's so nice you have each other. I never
got to meet your mom but I can tell she was one classy lady and a
wonderful teacher according to the nice messages I read from
former students. Sending hugs to all.*

Rhonda Osbourne - Rock Island, IL - Friend of Sheryl's - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Sheryl and Family,
So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers
are with you all. From the memories I read, your Mom was as active
as you are now! Take care and God bless.
Susie*

Susie Flick - Peoria, IL - Friend - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Mrs. Bernard,
I have always treasured the fond memories of my second grade teacher. I have to call her Mrs. because that's how we addressed her.

She was my best teacher. I think my life is richer and blessed because of her impact upon me. I think I wrote my first poem in her class.

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I am sure you will miss her and many in our community will also.

You all have my deepest sympathy and I trust Wednesday the 24th will be a good day of reflection and precious memories.

Sincerely, Brian Harris

Brian Harris - Albia, IA - Student & Friend - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Bernard was my 2nd grade teacher in 1969 and I loved her. I came to school with a cough one day and she gave me money to go across the street to get cough drops. I moved to the Northwest in 1972 and stayed in touch with her writing or seeing her when I visited Albia up until the last visit about 18 months ago. She was a very special lady and always made me feel like a special kid. God bless and peace to your family. Deann

Deann Stewart Miller - Issaquah, WA - Student - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Stephanie Law (Dicks) - Cedar Rapids, IA - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wishng there were something that one could do or say, to ease these hours of sorrow and comfort you today. But may it help just knowing that others truly care, and the sincerest sympathy is with you everywhere.
Sandy and Dave, we are thinking about you,

Marilyn and Steve Larson - Albia, IA - friends - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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