



## Ethel Lorraine Lahart

December 5, 1931 - September 18, 2021

Ethel Lorraine Lahart, age 89, of Albia, IA, passed away on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at her home under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice.

Ethel was born on December 5, 1931, to Daniel Quincy and Levada (Moyle) Caudill at home in Albia. She grew up attending school in Albia and graduated from the Albia High School with the Class of 1950. On May 27, 1951, Ethel was united in marriage to Marvin Heriford at the First Christian Church in Albia and to this union, 4 children were born, Janie, Harold, Edwin, and Todd. Marvin later passed away and on June 6, 1980, Ethel married Joseph Lahart at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown.

In her younger years, Ethel worked at Ben Franklin before working at the Carriage Light Inn. Ethel was a nurse's aide/receptionist for many doctors in the area, including Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Avera, Dr. Merrick, Dr. Davis and Dr. Judge. When she married Joe in 1980, she also became a farmer and there was no chore too big for Ethel to help with. She liked to name the livestock, often times after her grandchildren.

Ethel was a member of the First Christian Church in Albia for many years and then became a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown after her marriage to Joe. She was very active in the church activities, especially God's Portion Day, for which she was the top seller of raffle tickets. Ethel

loved to dance and sing with the Sweet Adelines. She enjoyed reading, crocheting and collecting snowmen, key chains, and rocks. She was a great cook, known for her hamburgers, fried potatoes, and corn, as well as huge pancakes for the grandkids. Ethel's family was everything to her and she cherished all of the time spent with them, especially when all the grandchildren came over and played dress up.

Ethel is survived by her husband, Joe Lahart; 3 children, Janie (Dick) Brock, Edwin (Julie) Heriford, and Todd Heriford (Pam Robinson); 7 grandchildren, Christina Frost (Rick Bregar), Amanda (Sam) Porter, Sara (Josh) Chance, Staci (Eric) Harms, Dusti (Letica) Heriford, Abbey Heriford, and Erik Heriford; 10 great grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Teresa Lahart. Ethel is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and countless good friends.

Ethel is preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Heriford; her parents, Daniel and Levada Caudill; a son, Harold Heriford; her siblings, Myrtle Cardenzana, Edwin Caudill, Mabel Tyrrel, Zella Cruchelow, Alberta Friday, Clair Caudill, Harold Caudill, Betty Stocker, and Temperance Caudill in infancy (Ethel was the last surviving of 10 children); her in-laws, Walter Lahart, Ray Lahart and Mary Flattery.

A private family funeral service will be held at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Pastor Arlene Johnson officiating.

A Celebration of Ethel's Life will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, starting at 5:00 p.m. at her son, Edwin Heriford's home located at 6139 204th Trail in Albia. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please feel free to bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

A memorial has been established to the First Christian Church in Albia.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **22**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Edwin Heriford  
6139 204th Trail  
Albia, IA 52531

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel Lorraine Lahart*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Ethel Lorraine Lahart*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ethel Lorraine Lahart.*



September 22, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Dear Ethel, always a smile, loved to talk to her at events at Georgetown and what a great cook and baker. She will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Ed and all her family. Prayers for their comfort.*

*Joe and Collette Mahoney*

Collette Mahoney - September 22, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ethel Lorraine Lahart.*



September 22, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Janie and family, I was so saddened to hear of your Moms passing. I had the privilege to first get to know Ethel when she worked with my sister Judy at Dr Cunningham’s office. Ethel took her under her wing and showed her the “ropes”. They had so much fun together. Always a beautiful smile and a genuine caring person for others. A beautiful lady who will be missed.*

**Christy Newman** - September 21, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ethel Lorraine Lahart.*



September 21, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Christina Frost** - September 21, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Todd, I remember your mom, and that she always had a smile and a genuine friendly manner. Such a nice lady!!*

Ruth Deyo - September 21, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Words can't express how much I loved Ethel and how much she will be missed. She accepted me into her family with love and grace when I was 14 or 15 years old and continued to make me feel a part of the family until her passing. She was my mother-in-law, second mom, and my friend. I will never forget you! ❤️*

Tammy Heriford - September 20, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ *Sweet lovable Ethel, I will miss her coming in post office to visit with me. She barely reached the counter, that smile was the best !*



Kimberly Graham - September 20, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ *I'll never forget how much Ethel loved life and growing up playing with her three sons I was treated like the 4th son ..always, she will be missed by many . My sincere condolences Alan LaMar*

Alan laMar - September 20, 2021 at 04:20 PM

PR

“ Pamela Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Lorraine Lahart



Pamela Robinson - September 20, 2021 at 04:02 PM

PR

“ Rest in peace sweet Ethel. Spread your wings wide. You will be so dearly missed. My condolences to the family, Joe Lahart, Ed, Julie, Janie, Dick, Todd, plus her beautiful grandchildren, and so many more. Love this family with all my heart.

Pamela Robinson - September 20, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ethel Lorraine Lahart.



September 20, 2021 at 03:13 PM

CG

“ Jane, so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family. Your mom was a wonderful woman.

Cheryl Gray - September 20, 2021 at 03:08 PM

CG

“ *Cheryl Gray lit a candle in memory of Ethel Lorraine Lahart*



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**Cheryl Gray** - September 20, 2021 at 03:06 PM

KG

“ *So sorry for your loss, Ed and Julie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Mike and Kayleen Gardner*

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**Kayleen Gardner** - September 20, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ethel Lorraine Lahart.*



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September 20, 2021 at 01:04 PM

JB

“ *Jen Bregar lit a candle in memory of Ethel Lorraine Lahart*



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**Jen Bregar** - September 20, 2021 at 12:49 PM

GS

“ So sorry to hear this. May she rest in peace.  
Thoughts and prayers to the family in this  
tough time.



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**Ginny Hauenstein Stewart** - September 20, 2021 at 08:25 AM

LW

So So Sorry Joe, Jane Ed, Todd . Now she can rest in peace.  
Larry & Phyllis Whitson.

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**Larry & Phyllis Whitson** - September 20, 2021 at 11:50 AM