



## Katherine "Katie" Mary Kenworthy

October 17, 1907 - November 7, 2011

Katherine "Katie" Mary Kenworthy, age 104 of Albia, died Monday, November 7, 2011 at Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Katie was born October 17, 1907 to Thomas and Margaret (Ryan) Ward in Melrose, Iowa. She married Herbert Kenworthy on April 21, 1934 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose. He preceded her in death on January 27, 1982 after 47 years of marriage.

A graduate of Melrose High School, Class of 1926 Valedictorian, Katie received her Teaching Certificate from William Penn College. She taught in country schools around the Albia area before moving to Washington, D.C. where she continued to teach. Later, she moved back to the area and taught school until she was married. She was a homemaker while raising her children, and then managed Kenworthy Produce. After operating the family produce store, she learned how to type from Hjalmer Lindberg, and became a correspondent for the Ottumwa Courier.

Katie was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Altar and Rosary in Albia. She was a member of the Monroe County Hospital Auxiliary, Diocesan Council, Quilter's Club, and Retired Teachers' Association, which she received the R.S.V.P. Award. She loved to quilt, garden, flower garden, bake, cook, and work crossword puzzles to keep her mind sharp. She was a

great teacher to her grandkids and loved spending time with family and friends.

Katie is survived by 7 children, Thomas (Jurene) Kenworthy of Mercer Island, WA, David (Cheryl) Kenworthy of Tacoma, WA, Marjorie (Val) Mannens of West Des Moines, IA, Colette (Rich) Mason of Ottumwa, IA, Rose (Larry) Lennie of Albia, Carol Stewart of Issaquah, WA, and Patrick Kenworthy of Denver, CO; 16 grandkids, Kathleen Callahan, Matt Kenworthy, Sarah Woodhead, Kecia Cole, Mark Mannens, Mary Hunter, Jill Ranft, Cindy Johnson, Suzanne Williams, Tim Ahn, Mike Lennie, David Lennie, Dan Lennie, Deann Miller, Brad Stewart, and Gabriel Stewart; 30 great grandkids; 3 great-great grandkids; 6 step grandkids; 12 step grandkids; her brother's children, Karen Stone and Phillip Ward; and several other nieces and nephews.

Katie was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert; parents; 2 grandkids, Joe Lennie and Jill Lennie; and 5 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 12, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Friday, November 11, 2011 at the Tharp-Winfield Funeral Home in Albia, with Katie's family present throughout the day and evening until 8 p.m. A rosary will be said Friday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home, provided by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary, along with a Christian Wake Service Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church or to Monroe Care Center.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.tharpfh.com](http://www.tharpfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine "Katie" Mary Kenworthy*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Katherine "Katie" Mary Kenworthy*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I'm so thankful for wonderful memories of time spent with you and grandpa... Puzzles, crosswords, learning card games for pixie sticks, favorite cookies and rolls, the grandkids spying on everyone through the upstairs vent, sleeping bags on the tv room floor, your peonies, helping grandpa with the goats & guarding the corn, lazy afternoons spent on your big porch, rolling down your hill with cousins. You will be missed very much and I've always been so proud to be one of your grandkids. There were a lot of us grandkids, but you always made me feel special as I'm sure you did the rest. I'm glad you're with Grandpa now.*

Deann - Issaquah, WA - Granddaughter - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your mother was an exceptional lady, and you have all been blessed to have had her in your lives for so many years. A lot of wonderful memories there, I'm sure. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time of great sadness and loss. Thinking especially of you today, Carol, my dear friend and classmate. Love You. ~ Karen*

Karen Smead Dicks - Ottumwa, IA - Classmate and Friend - November 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dear Family,

*Some of my fondest memories of your family were when we visited your farm in Melrose. I believe you had a chicken business. Dad and Katie always seemed to share a lot of laughs. The 3 Murray kids fit right into your family and had a good time. I recall watching a tornado cloud dip down from a cloud as we all watched it from the yard at your home.*

*Katie was always much loved by our family. The "Wards" used to visit often. I especially enjoyed Monica and listening to Leo and Leonard share some laughs with my Dad. I believe that I remember and Aunt Mag. Anyway, they were good family times. Our dad didn't speak much about his growing up days, and it seemed a connection to have the Wards and Kenworthys visit.*

*So many more stories we would have loved to hear.*

*Katie was one of the special ones and was a truly amazing woman with her intelligence and good humor. She will be missed. Love to the family, Maureen Roan*

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**Maureen Roan - Georgetown, TX - grandneice** - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Grandma Katie,

*I remember spending the day with Grandma when i was sick from school quite a few times, come to think of it a few of the times I may have played hookie just so I could spend time with her. She was a joy to be around and a incredible grandmother and she will be missed by many.*

*Love You*

*TY (Put and Take master)*

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**Tyler Williams - Newton, IA - Great-Grandson** - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We will remember your mother at mass, Sunday. We will be thinking of you and all your family. Sorry, we cannot be there to help with lost. Love Bob and Linda Mann

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**Bob and Linda Mann - Bella Vista, Ar, AR - friend of Larry and Rose** - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Grandma Katie - What an amazing lady - strong, smart, and caring. You have always been an inspiration to me - your stories about being a teacher inspired me to become a teacher. You passed on your desire to be a life-long learner to me and all your grandchildren and even your great-grandchildren. "Stay sharp, that was your motto."

*I will miss you, but now I know you are enjoying the reunion with Grandpa, Joe, and Jill.*

*Love you, Suzanne Marie*

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**Suzanne Marie - Newton, IA - Grandma** - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ A loving mother who gave all and kept on giving. I will miss you very much, mom. Someday maybe we can play cards or you can recite all the counties/county seats like you always did. You are in God's Hands, now, and I know he will take very good care of you. I love you. Patrick.

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**Patrick Kenworthy - Denver, CO - Son** - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Katie was an amazing lady, she will be missed by all her family and friends.*

*You have been very lucky to have your Mother, Grandmother for so many years and have so many memories to help you get thru this sad time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Marilyn Larson - Albia, IA - friend** - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *What a wonderful lady.*

*Some of my fondest memories are of the summers spent on the farm.*

*So grateful for the life lessons learned and the memories.*

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**Mark Mannens - Sparks, NV - Grandson** - November 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM