



Mary "Theresa" Lenger

July 13, 1936 - March 25, 2023

Mary "Theresa" Lenger, age 86, of Lovilia, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia, under the care of EveryStep Hospice.

Theresa was born on July 13, 1936, on the farm at home east of Hamilton, to Albert and Kathryn (Flahive) Lenger. She grew up and attended school in Hamilton and graduated from Lovilia. Following graduation, Theresa went to work at the VA in Knoxville before transferring to the VA in Iowa City where she worked until retiring.

Theresa was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia and was always very active in her church. In her earlier years, she taught catechism classes. She was later a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Coralville for many years. She was Godmother or confirmation sponsor for many of her nieces and nephews and was always a faithful servant. She had one nephew who went to the University of Iowa and she would take him to church herself to "make sure he got there."

Theresa loved bowling. She participated in league bowling with her team twice a week and participated in numerous tournaments where she won many trophies. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeye football and basketball fan. When people would come up for games, she enjoyed giving them rides to the games

and picking them up after. Theresa had some very good friends whom she did everything with. She went out to eat supper every Saturday night with Shirley Holtz, Janet Barry and Margaret Brogla and also went on trips with them. Above all else, Theresa cherished her family. She loved when people came to visit and made sure she cooked for them or took them out to eat.

Theresa is survived by one sister, Marge Comer of Norwalk; a sister-in-law, Nancy Lenger of Hamilton; a brother-in-law, Joe Conway of Lincoln, NE; and several nieces, nephews, and good friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Kathryn Lenger; 6 brothers, Richard, Ed, Daniel, Joseph, Jim and David; and a sister, Pauline.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia, with Theresa's family present throughout to greet family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at St Peter's Cemetery in Lovilia.

A memorial has been established to EveryStep Hospice.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetary

Lovilia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

St. Peter's Catholic Church
603 West 6th Street
Lovilia, IA

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Worked with Theresa for many years at the VA and saw her often at St. Thomas more after she retired. She was always very helpful to employees and the Veterans. Lovely lady. I just found out about her passing but wanted to send condolences to the family. God bless.
Julie and Scott Stroback

Julie stroback - October 12, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LB

“ Larry, Bev, Mike, Patty, Jean and Barb purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary "Theresa" Lenger.



Larry, Bev, Mike, Patty, Jean and Barb - March 27, 2023 at 12:47 PM

MK

“ Mary Fisher, Mike Fisher, Kathy Kellogg purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary "Theresa" Lenger.



Mary Fisher, Mike Fisher, Kathy Kellogg - March 27, 2023 at 11:56 AM

JD

“ So very sorry to see this Denise. You have our sincere sympathy in your loss. May she rest in peace.
Jerry & Diane

Jerry & Diane Durian - March 26, 2023 at 10:28 PM

KM

“ *She was the only one with a camera. We have many pictures of the big family to always cherish the memories. She played a huge part in the family and had a voice to listen to. I will miss her. She was my Godmother and did her part. I remember her teaching me in Catechisim, that seemed so long ago. Kathleen Lenger Blommers.*



Kmblommers - March 26, 2023 at 06:28 PM

CS

Theresa was a wonderful aunt who was always interested in what was going on in your life. I remember getting a Christmas card with \$5 every year - as I got older I had an appreciation for how much money \$5 x 33 nieces and nephews was a lot of dough! Eternal rest, Catherine (Comer) Schmidt

Catherine Comer Schmidt - March 26, 2023 at 08:33 PM