



Bernice Back Cooper Tripp

May 3, 1930 - October 31, 2012

Bernice Back Cooper Tripp, the daughter of Otto Back and Anna (Popp) Back, grew up on a farm near Moneta, Iowa, with her two older brothers, Rudy and Ernest. Bernice enjoyed her childhood days on the farm, and especially loved her little country school. She graduated from Everly High School in 1948.

Bernice married Jerry ("Mouse") Cooper in January, 1950. Their two sons are Tim and Tom. Bernice then graduated from Buena Vista College, earning her teaching degree. Jerry Cooper died in a car crash in March, 1978.

Bernice spent 35 years teaching in the Moneta, Everly and Spencer elementary schools. She married Stanley Tripp in April, 1981. After retiring from teaching in 1988, she worked with Stanley in the car business in Spencer for 16 years. After selling the car business, they moved to Spirit Lake, where they enjoyed their retirement living near the lake.

Bernice is survived by her husband, Stanley Tripp; her two sons and their wives, Tim (Pat) Cooper of Tucson, AZ, and Tom (Carol) Cooper of Milford, IA; four grandchildren, Aaron, Adam, Jill and Amy, and four great grandchildren, Leah, Jacob, Claire and Stella.

The Schuchert Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, Iowa is in charge of the arrangements. A celebration of her life will be held with her family at a later

date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established by her family.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Stan, Tim, Tom & family,
We have so many fond memories of Bernice. She was a wonderful friend and we all miss her so much. We could sit and talk about so many things and reminisce about our teaching experiences and so many happenings in our lives. Cherish the wonderful memories. I love the picture of our coffee group that someone posted. My son wrote this about Bernice, "I will always remember her for her big personality and how she seemed to live life big. She was a unique lady. I remember when everyone would meet at the Center Cafe." Yes, we had wonderful times and I will miss her. May God give you peace in the days ahead. You have my sympathy.*

Judith Olson - December 13, 2012 at 05:28 PM

RO

“ *Bernice was a great teacher. I had her in 5th grade at North school in 1968. Once in a while I would go back to visit her. My favorite memory was in eighth grade 3 of us (former students) stopped to see her. She actually knew what sports and activities we were doing. She really had an impact on our lives. Thanks Mrs. Cooper.*

Robert O'Hara - November 14, 2012 at 09:41 AM

JK

“ *Tim, Tom, Stan and Family
Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you on your loss of Bernice. Cherish your memories and know that this is a new beginning for Bernice, not an ending. In time the pain will dwindle and the fond memories will again warm your hearts. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you always.
Jack, Barbara and John Patrick Koon*

Jack, Barbara & John Koon - November 14, 2012 at 09:22 AM

MB

“ *Bernice was loved by many and will be missed by all. I wish to express my heartfelt sympathy and the hope that the kind words of your family and friends will make this difficult time a bit easier to bear.*

Mary Berry-Rodda - November 13, 2012 at 07:13 AM

DS

“ *Stan--We knew Bernice from our association with you at the bank get togethers and at the movies. She always had a kind word to say and a smile. Condolences to you and to her family. She's one that will definitely be missed.*

Dale & Helen Sturgeon - November 09, 2012 at 07:34 PM

SW

“ *Treasure your memories, she was a wonderful and funny lady. I remember her and my mom together. They had so much fun.*

*Love to all,
Shelley and Jim*

Shelley Walenga - November 09, 2012 at 03:38 PM

DO

“ *Will miss her very much! She was a wonderful lady that lit up the room whenever she was around. Very sorry to hear of this news and I am praying for you all.*

Donnie - November 05, 2012 at 03:49 PM

MC

“ Tom, so sorry to hear of your moms passing! You always knew what was most important to her as every time I would run into her somewhere she would always tell me about her family! God gave us a memory for a reason Cherish yours! Praying God's Peace for you my friend!

Marcia Zubradt Cheevers - November 05, 2012 at 02:30 PM

NU

“ Tim, Tom, and family. I was so sorry to hear about Aunt Berniece. She was always a fun and spirited lady. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Treasure all your memories and know others will, too.

Love you all.

Nancy Cooper Upchurch - November 05, 2012 at 12:36 PM

BK

“ She was quite a lady....remember her as my teacher so vividly. Saw her sometimes where I used to work and again, she was just always a lady. Tim, Tom and families....praying the Comfort of Jesus surround you and take you close to HIM.

Barb Woolery Krumm - November 05, 2012 at 10:55 AM

RD

“ Tom and family, May God's loving arms surround you at this special time. Treasure the memories God gave you of the beautiful woman. God's blessings and love, Rose and Dean Dudley

Rose and Dean Dudley - November 05, 2012 at 08:43 AM

JP

“ Tom & family - You are in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of a very special and irreplaceable person! May the love she gave to you and your family live on always!

John & Ellen Petersen - November 04, 2012 at 04:16 PM

JS

“ Dear Stan, Tim & Tom, I'm so sorry for you loss. Aunt Bernice was a wonderful woman. I never saw her without a smile on her face. May she rest in peace. Love, Jackie

Jackie Seeds - November 03, 2012 at 09:23 PM

DK

“ I was sorry to hear of Bernice`s passing. She was the Fifth grade teacher in the old North School in 1970 -71 school when I knew her. I was one of the First grade teachers at that time.. We shared many good times and knew her always to be helpful and fun to be around.

Donna Koester - November 03, 2012 at 04:27 PM

LN

“ Stan and family of Bernice..sorry to hear of your loss. She was a special lady and I always had fun when around her .Even tho we weren't teachers we ran around with the teacher crowd in Spencer in the 70's . What great times we had. Never a dull moment. She loved life to the fullest.

Lon and Cheryl Noble - November 03, 2012 at 12:03 PM

MB

“ My condolences to the family. Bernice was my teacher at Lincoln School in the early 1970's. She treated kids with so much love and respect. She could be firm but kids always knew she was on their side. What a wonderful lady!

Monty Beal - November 02, 2012 at 10:59 PM

JF

“ Stan, We are very sorry to hear of Bernice's passing. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Josh Frommie & Family

Josh Frommie - November 02, 2012 at 09:18 PM

PC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Stan and Bernice's family. Bernice had more drive and love for people and animals than the ordinary person. She was a fantastic person and it is a priviledge to have worked with her and to have socialized with her. Polly Connors

Polly Connors - November 02, 2012 at 10:28 AM

TR

“ She was the best 6th grade teacher! She will definitely be missed! She had a very positive outlook on live and kept you motivated and helped build your self esteem! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family!

Tracy - November 01, 2012 at 02:44 PM