



## Thelma Bustad

March 3, 1927 - April 30, 2016

A celebration of Thelma's Life will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, May 29, 2016, at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Thelma Jean Besgrove Bustad, age 89, passed away Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the family's home at Ingham Lake. She was born on March 3, 1927, to Frederick J. Besgrove and Ruth I. Ramsey.

Thelma follows her husband, Jake J. Bustad, who passed away on March 2, 2013. They were married for 66 years, building a life, keeping a home, raising a family in Iowa City and later retiring to Cherokee Village, Arkansas.

Thelma was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a committed member of the United Methodist Church all of her life. She was fun loving and full of "spunk"; loved for her sharp wit and sense of humor. Thelma was active and full of energy, often seen on the golf course or out in her yard tending to her flowers.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jake; sister, Bette Stevenson; and two brothers, Bill and Gary Besgrove. She is survived by a daughter, Becky Horton; son, Brad Bustad; two grandsons, Travis Stevens and Jacob Horton; two great-grandchildren, Kaylee and Jacob Horton; sisters, Helen Brower and Donna Besgrove; and many nieces and nephews.

Thelma held that faith and family were the most important to her. She lived up to that every day of her life.

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Aunt Toadie was like a 2nd mom to me, especially when I attended the University of Iowa. I remember thinking it was a bit "lame" to go over to my aunt & uncle's home -- after all, I was a grown-up college student. But I found out that my roommates loved going over there as much as I did. Sunday brunches were a favorite, and she even hosted my graduation party. I hated when they moved to Arkansas, but am glad I had a chance to go down and visit. I sent her mother's day cards and she sent me birthday cards ... just a really special relationship with a kind, generous, funny, loving aunt. I am blessed to have known and loved both her and her Jake.

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Melinda Huisenga - May 26, 2016 at 08:02 PM

MK

“ Growing up across the street from Mr. & Mrs. Bustad was an absolute delight. Their yard was always an extension of our own, and I remember wrestling with my brothers on her hill and jumping off their retaining wall. Despite our regular trespassing I never once saw Mrs. Bustad with anything but a warm smile on her face. What a dear, sweet woman. A wonderful neighbor and a great friend to my Mom. My memories of the Bustads are and always will be fond!

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Marty Kelly - May 15, 2016 at 10:32 PM

RB

“ Becky and family,  
You have been heavy on my heart the last week. I'm so glad I was able to see Thelma last week. Prayers of comfort and strength during this difficult time.  
Becky, remember our conversation; thy will be done. You were such a blessing to your mother. You gave her care with so much love and compassion. You are an earth angel.

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Rachael "Rae" Bergquist - May 02, 2016 at 08:49 AM