

## SERVICES

Visitation: 10:00 – 10:45 AM  
Memorial: 11:00 AM  
Friday, October 7, 2022  
Boman Funeral Home  
Webster City, IA

## OFFICIATING

Rev. Doresa Collogan

## MUSIC

Hymn of Promise  
10,000 Reasons  
Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone  
In My Heart There Rings a Melody

### ***Grandma's Gone to Heaven***

*One quiet day the angels came  
And took grandma far away  
But in the stillness of the night  
I could almost hear her say*

*Dear grandchild – I will miss you  
You mean so much to me  
But Jesus called me to his side  
In heaven I will be*

*A place of God's great beauty  
No tears or earthly cares  
Only peace and joy forever  
And love beyond compare*

*So Remember all the good times  
Don't think about the sad  
Treasure all the special moments  
Through the years we had*

*And if you trust in Jesus  
I can promise this and more  
You will get a hug from grandma  
Someday on Heaven's golden shore*

## GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden  
And He found an empty place.  
And then He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

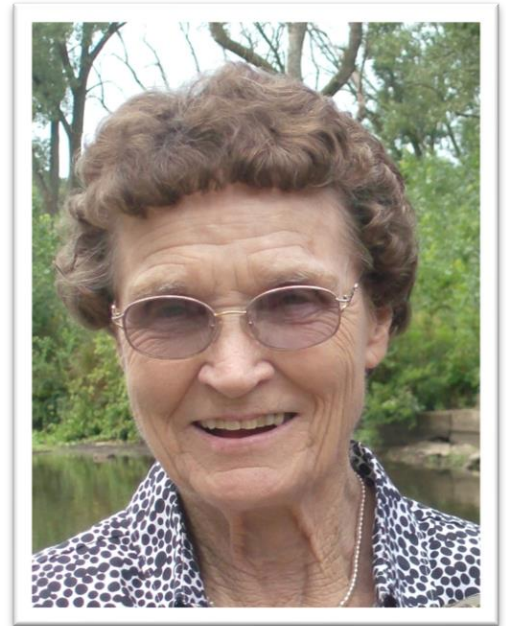
He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

*In Loving Memory*



*Dorothy  
Berleen*

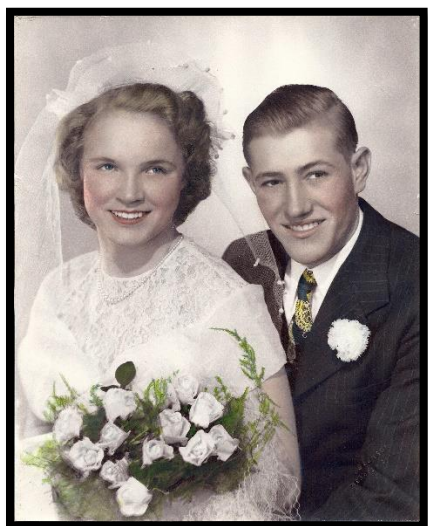
*June 24, 1927  
October 1, 2022*



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Dorothy Kathleen (Abels) Berleen, daughter of Ralph Abels and Trena Ohden Abels, was born June 24, 1927. She was united in marriage with the love of her life, Richard Franklin Berleen, on August 7, 1948, at her home near Kanawha, Iowa. For almost sixty-two years they were true partners in life: living, loving, and caring for their family and each other.

A farmer's wife to the core, Mom worked beside Dad every day in the fields and caring for their livestock still having time for a big garden, apple trees and flowers galore. She made the BEST applesauce. To this day the grand and great grandkids turn their noses up at store bought. Nothing is as good as Grammy's homemade applesauce.



She was an active member of the Mulberry Center and the Faith United Methodist Churches. Mom was a strong, quiet woman who lived her faith; she led by example. Her theory was that those who hurt or wrong us need our prayers the most of all. I used to tell her she must have calluses on her calluses from all the time she spent on her knees praying for us.

She was happiest when she was busy and loved spending time with her family and friends. When the grandkids were young, she taught them to sing "In My Heart There Rings a



Melody". Since they usually sang when we were in the car, we spent many miles listening to the slightly off-key rendition they learned at her knee.

Mom gave us all the gift of her time. Whether it was working outside together, going for a walk, listening to our troubles, cuddling or simply sitting quietly while we worked through a problem, she always had time. She was always only a visit or phone call away. Whether she advised or chastised, she did it lovingly. Hers was truly an unconditional love.

Mom and Dad farmed with Mark and Vi Berogan for over forty-five years, near Blairsburg. When Mark and Vi retired the folks continued to farm until January 2008 when Dad's health began to fail and they moved to Timberland Village in Story City, IA; Dad passed in May 2010. Mom moved to the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton in December 2019. The staff became her extended family

giving her their love and support during the pandemic; this continued after they reopened until she left us to go home to Daddy.

Mom is survived by a daughter and two son-in-laws: Cindy and Paul Shelton of Hampton, IA and Jim Slauson of Norfolk, VA. Four grandchildren; Heather Shelton, Heath Shelton, Katie (Slauson) and Mike Blevins. Eleven great grandchildren: Phoenix & Jessie, Catie & Jay, Isaac & Emily, Gabriel, Raegan, Emma, Stella and Collin. Six great-great grandchildren; Lincoln, Landon, Evelyn, Paityn, Eylah and Slater.



As the last remaining member of her generation in the Abels and Berleen families, she is preceded in death by her husband, Richard; daughter, Debbie; parents and five siblings.

Mom would want everyone to remember two very important things: 1) faith in God and 2) family and friends living, loving and taking care of one another. She will be missed. We love you, Mom, and rejoice that you and Daddy are together again.