



What Mom Took

*Most often when we think of Mom,
 we think of what she's given;
 A gentle guide for living;
 A nightly tip-toe in a room,
 An understanding look.
 But sometimes when I think of Mom,
 I think of what she took:
 She took the love of a man
 And made a home and family full of love;
 She took tears of a scared kindergarten child
 And turned them into smiles and laughter;
 She took a classroom and made it into an everyday adventure
 Where learning phonics and numbers were fun;
 She took imagination of children and introduced them
 To the joys and love of reading books;
 She took dirt, small rocks, big rocks and more big rocks, beautiful flowers
 And love and created her special place for all to enjoy;
 She took the love of God and everything He gave her and praised His name.
 For all the things she took, she never thought to ask for thanks.
 Thanks, Mom*



Celebrating the Life of Alberta G. Wellendorf



January 28, 1929- May 1, 2017

Alberta G. Paulsen Wellendorf was born at her grandparents (Andresen) farm in Logan Township, Ida Grove, Iowa on January 28, 1929. She was the daughter of Leigh and Viola Andresen Paulsen of Battle Creek and was baptized and confirmed in the Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek.

After graduation from Battle Creek High School in 1946, she attended Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls for a year. She then taught in her home rural school and Battle Creek town school. She continued her education at various summer schools and graduated from Buena Vista College in 1969. Alberta then taught in the Holstein Community Schools for 19 years.

On February 26, 1950 Alberta married Harlan Wellendorf at the Battle Creek Presbyterian Church. They farmed northwest of Battle Creek near Midway and were blessed with a daughter, Janine Cecile and son, Joel Craig. The family moved to a farm south of Holstein in 1955 and joined the Methodist Church. A second son, Jess C. died at birth in 1965.

Harlan and Alberta took Janine and Joel on little discovery trips during their summer vacations. They happily watched their family grow over the years and looked forward to special times with them.

In 1989 they moved to Holstein. Alberta enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren. She started a rock garden and really enjoyed her floral and rock arrangements.

She is survived by her daughter, Janine (John) Leckband of Hermitage, MO; Joel (Monica) Wellendorf of Holstein, IA; grandchildren, Valerie (Robert) Boswell of Castle Rock, CO, Deanna King of Cherokee, IA and Matthew (Grace) Wellendorf of St. Paul, MN; grand-daughter-in-law, Michelle Bauman of Carroll, IA; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Paige Boswell and Brittany Bauman; and many extended relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harlan in 2009; infant son, Jess; and grandson, Aaron Bauman.



Harlan and Alberta will be interred together today

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Date of Birth

January 28, 1929, Ida Grove, Iowa

Date of Death

May 1, 2017, Holstein, Iowa

Services

Saturday, June 17, 2017, 2:00 P.M.

United Methodist Church

Holstein, Iowa

Clergy

Rev. Doresa K. Collogan

Organist

Joan Wiese

Congregational Hymns

“In the Garden”

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Recorded Selections

“One Day at a Time” by Lynda Randle

Private Family Burial

Holstein Cemetery, Holstein, Iowa



We wish to express our gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for coffee, cookies and a time of fellowship at the church following the service. Please enjoy the food and refreshments until the family returns from the burial.

- Alberta's Family