



Connie Lou Benning

September 18, 1936 - January 17, 2023

Connie Lou Benning, 86, of Ackley, passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. A public visitation will be held Saturday, January 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton. Service and burial will take place at a later date. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Hampton is caring for Connie and her family.

Connie Lou Zacharias Benning was born in Ellsworth Hospital on September 18, 1936, to Ted and Blanche Zacharias. One sister, Maxine, welcomed her home. Connie grew up in the Bradford, Geneva and Hampton area on farms, until 1950 when she and her mother moved to Hampton, due to the death of her father. She attended Glass School in the country three miles from Hampton through 7th grade. After that, she attended 8th grade and high school in Hampton.

She was united in marriage to LeRoy W. Benning on September 30, 1956, at St. Peter's UCC in Geneva, Iowa. Together they faithfully attended for the next 65 years where Connie sang in the choir, served on many committees, and attended Women's Fellowship. She worked at Ellsworth Municipal Hospital for a total of 13 years. There she worked as a CNA, dietary, and in the business office as a switchboard operator and administrator.

Connie enjoyed following her children in athletics and musical events. She was extremely proud of all their accomplishments.

She is survived by her children, Shelley (Arup) Bhuyan of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Barton (Mary) Benning of Boone, Iowa; grandchildren, Kassie Bhuyan of Kansas City, Kansas, Sondra (Eathan) Bhuyan-Jaax of Kansas City, Kansas, Jordan (Ashley) Benning of Killeen, Texas, and Kaci Benning of Ames, Iowa; nieces and nephews, Marlese Alden, Dennis Alden, Norlyn and Cindy Raisch, Dalieth and Larry Johnston, Brian Raisch, and Alanna and Mike Husar; sister-in-law, Luella Benning; and by numerous grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband LeRoy; parents Ted and Blanche Zacharias; in-laws, Ed and Christina Benning; infant son Craig and daughter Jennifer; sister Maxine; brother-in-law Dale; sisters-in-law Deloris and Maxine; nephew Daryl, and her niece Lynette.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home
306 Central Ave. East
Hampton, IA 50441
(641) 456-3232

Tribute Wall

CW

“ I sang with Connie in Etude Club for many years. I thought of her as a jolly person who always seemed happy. She had a beautiful voice and added so much to our chorus. I am sorry for your loss but I'm sure you have many fond memories.

Carolyn Welden

Carolyn Welden - January 20, 2023 at 11:52 AM

MS

“ I will sure miss my visits with connie. We became good friends the last few years and I always looked forward to our visits.

Martha Scheidecker - January 19, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Connie Lou Benning.



January 19, 2023 at 05:37 PM

SD

“ I am sorry to hear of Connie's passing. She was such a wonderful lady.

Shonda (Aldinger) Deranleau - January 19, 2023 at 03:02 PM

NG

“ I’m so sorry for your loss! I enjoyed Connie and Leroy for many years in my beauty salon. We shared many stories of family , faith, and friends. I felt like I knew her kids and grandchildren! Loved her laugh! She will be missed!

Nadine Goodwin - January 18, 2023 at 09:34 PM

MZ

“ My condolences and prayers to the family. She was a wonderful person and an Awsome soloist. Did a few solos with my mom, Rita..

Marcia Diemer Zimmer - January 18, 2023 at 07:24 PM

BE

“ Betty & Ed Etnier lit a candle in memory of Connie Lou Benning



Betty & Ed Etnier - January 18, 2023 at 03:31 PM