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## **Mrs. Theresa B Berger 1925-2009**

Theresa B. Berger  
Aug. 21, 1925 - June 24, 2009

ALGONA - Theresa B. Berger, 83, of Algona, died Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at Kossuth Regional Health Center, Algona.

A funeral Mass for Theresa Berger, 83, was held Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 10 a.m. at St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Algona, with Father Edward M. Girres officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wesley.

Theresa Bernadette Berger was born August 21, 1925 in Buffalo Center, daughter of Louis Bernard and Josephine Elizabeth (Rosner) Lickteig. She grew up in Wesley graduating from Wesley High School in 1943 and then attended Teachers College and later graduated from the University of Northern Iowa.

Theresa was united in marriage to Paul John Berger on Jan. 28, 1947 in Wesley. They lived in the Wesley, Livermore, Corwith and Ventura area. Paul and their oldest son, John, were killed in a car accident in October, 1963. Theresa moved her family to Algona where she taught second grade at St. Cecelia Catholic Grade School retiring in 1990.

Theresa enjoyed singing, quilting, traveling, gardening and raising flowers. She loved spending time with her family and following her grandchildren's activities. She was a member of St. Cecelia Catholic Church being active in prayer groups, Rosary Makers and the choir. She also was a member of RSVP, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, a leader of the Junior CD of A, a member of Opus Spiritus Sancti, and was a former member of the Teachers Association

Theresa B. Berger died Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at Kossuth Regional Hospital, at the age of 83.

She is survived by nine children, Judith Mann and her husband John of Deerfield, Ill., James Berger of Vancouver, Wash., Gerald Berger and his wife Debbie of Glen Elyn, Ill., Peter Berger and his wife Linda of Ames, Mary Chase and her husband Dr. Chris of Brookings, S.D., Thom Berger and his wife Su of Clear Lake, Susan Sabin and her husband Robert of Lakota, Steven Berger and his wife Cathy of Bellevue, Ill., and P. Eugene Berger of Fort Dodge; 23 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three brothers and one sisters, Albert Lickteig and his wife Marie of Algona, Marge Kenyon of Algona, Robert Lickteig and his wife Mary of Bosmen, Mont., and Tom Lickteig and his wife Marilyn of Waukeg; two sisters-in-law, Joyce Lickteig of Algona, and Irene Elbert of Whittemore; two brothers-in-law, Leon Berger and his wife Joann of Plainsville and Marvin Berger and his wife (Mary Jo) of Toledo; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Paul and son John; and two brothers, Edward and George Lickteig.

Garry-Roberts-Murphy-Schaaf Funeral Home, Algona, in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left to [www.oakcrestfuneralservices.com](http://www.oakcrestfuneralservices.com).