



# Doris Johnson

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**L**ange Funeral Home and Crematory LLC 103 N. John St. Moravia, Iowa 52571  
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Doris Johnson, age 87 of Moravia, Iowa passed away Monday, November 05, 2012 at Mercy Medical Center in Centerville.

She was born September 19, 1925 in the Mantua Township of Monroe County, Iowa to Howard and Lora Marie (DeLong) Besco. After graduating from high school in 1943, Doris received one year of training in college to become a certified teacher. She taught for several years.

Doris married Kenneth Johnson on August 30, 1944 in rural Albia. He preceded her in death in 1999. Doris and Kenneth lived on a farm in Monroe County where they raised their family. While residing on the family farm, Doris also raised dogs. She was extremely proud of the work she put into her professional kennel.

After selling the farm, Doris moved to Moravia, Iowa.

Doris was very active in the community in her free time. She was a member of the VFW, the American Legion, and the Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia. She also enjoyed numerous hobbies, including playing cards and reading.

She is survived by her children, Maxine Rodish of Johnston, Iowa, Ruth (Don) Stover of Des Moines, Iowa, Carol McDanel of Coralville, Iowa, and Shirley (Dan) Thoreson of Cincinnati, Ohio; eight grandchildren, Andrew Rodish of Winterset, Iowa, Scott Peterson of Alden, Iowa, Tracy (Andy) Raisch of Alden, Iowa, Chad (Deanna) McDanel of Coralville, Iowa, Shawn (Jennifer) McDanel of Coralville, Iowa, Joe (Nicole) Thorson of Peoria, Illinois, Carl (Amber) Thoreson of Medina, Tennessee, and Nick Thoreson of Cincinnati, Ohio; nine great grandchildren.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and a sister, Lora Mae Buchholz.

Funeral services will be held 11AM Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Lange Funeral



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Home, Moravia with Pastor Cindy Finn officiating. Visitation will be held from 5-7PM Friday, November 9, 2012 at Lange Funeral Home, Moravia. Burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery, Moravia. A memorial has been established to Grace United Methodist Church, Moravia and may be left or mailed to the Lange Funeral Home, 103 North John St., Moravia, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be left at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com)

Funeral Service

November 10, 2012 11:00 AM

Lange Funeral Home 103 North Johns St. Moravia, IA (641) 724-3413



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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 11:50 AM



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October 13 at 12:09 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Laverna and I wanted to extend our sympathy and let you know our thoughts are with you. I always knew if Dad was headed for your place it was going to be a wonderful Sunday. I had so much fun. Janice Posted by Janice Bain (Sincox) - Ottumwa, IA - cousin November 12, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry we can't be there. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We had alot of laughs,when Doris came to the reunion and on the computer. Posted by John and Shirley Besco - Sigourney,, IA - cousins November 10, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to hear about your mom. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Posted by Deb Kelley McDow - Huntsville, MO - friendclassment of Ruth November 09, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Shirley and family, So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Posted by Julia Perry Clouse - Albia, IA - School classmate November 08, 2012

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**Anonymous** posted:

My friend Carol and family Sorry for your loss-mama, gdma, friend-indeed a very special lady! Please feel this hug I am sending your way-0- with lots of love and many prayers! May our HEAVENLY FATHER hold you oh so tight and be exactly what you need HIM to be. Just me RCB

Posted by Rozann Burggraaf - Oskaloosa, IA - friendco-worker November 08, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to here of the passing of my dear ol friend Doris. Doris was always a joy for me to be around and always made me chuckle with her dry humor. We both shared a love for our dogs and all the blessings that came with that profession. We had many lengthy talks and visits that Always consisted of a game of fetch with SweetPea and ended in some sort of conversation about the love and pride she had in her girls and grandchildren. I always enjoyed hereing how PROUD of EACH of YOU, she was of your personal accomplishments. I am so sorry for your loss and wish you peace, strength and courage during this difficult time. May God bless each of you in the days to follow! Praying for your families, Jeremy Rogers Posted by Jeremy Rogers - Moravia, IA - friend November 08, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Doris was a wonderful mother whose gentle nature and caring fondness for her family and the hundreds of puppies she provided to loving families for many years. She was loved by everyone who knew her and she will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Carol, Maxine,Ruth and to all of the grand children and great grandchildren and other family members. We are so sorry for your loss and wish you love,strength and courage. Our Blessings Always, Dee & Lee Johnson Posted by Dee Johnson - Des Moines, IA - Friend November 07, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Grandma Johnson had an amazing spirit. We are so glad that she got to part of Malia's life and bring joy to our family. You will be forever missed! Love - Deanna, Chad and Malia McDanel Posted by Deanna, Chad, and Malia McDanel - Coralville, IA - Grandchildren November 07, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Brady and Jennifer Mallon Posted by Brady and Jennifer Mallon - Des Moines, IA - Family November 06, 2012

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