

Velma M. Bodaken, longtime resident of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Monday, August 4, 2008, at Methodist Manor Care Center in Storm Lake, one day before her 96th birthday.

Velma Marie Deist was born August 5, 1912 in Smithwick, South Dakota, the daughter of William and Jenny (Moore) Deist. She spent her childhood in Smithwick, until the age of 16, when she departed to attend Secretarial School. She worked as an office secretary for nearly two decades. She took great pride in that work.

In 1948, Velma married Ed Bodaken. After over 30 years, their marriage ended in divorce. Velma felt blessed by the births of her two sons, Mike and Bruce. Velma lived in Storm Lake for over 50 years. There she raised her family and developed close ties to St. Mark Lutheran Church, where she had served as assistant to the Secretary in the church office.

Velma loved sports of all kinds and especially followed high school football, basketball and baseball. Her family recalls that she would often keep box scores while listening to basketball games being played throughout Iowa. Over the years, she became an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs. A real "people person," Velma loved to dance and play bingo.

She spent the last two decades of her life at Methodist Manor in Storm Lake, where she grew to appreciate those who provided for her and who indulged her in her favorite passion: chocolate.

A devoted mother and grandmother, and friend to many, Velma will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Michael Bodaken and his wife, Fran Bernstein of Silver Spring, Maryland; her son, Bruce Bodaken of Mill Valley, California; grandsons: Conor Bodaken of Mill Valley, California; Ian Bodaken of Tiburon, California; and Alex Bodaken of Silver Spring, Maryland; extended family and friends.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents.

**Memorial gifts in Velma's honor may be directed to
Methodist Manor Care Center in Storm Lake.**

Celebrating **A Special Life**



Velma Bodaken

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

—23 Psalm



We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship and sharing at the church immediately following the interment.



Velma's Family

IN MEMORY OF

Velma Marie Bodaken

August 5, 1912 — August 4, 2008



FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

at 10:00 a.m.

*St. Mark Lutheran Church
Storm Lake, Iowa*

CLERGY

Reverend D. Duane Olson

ORGANIST

Donadee Nicholson

HYMNS

"Amazing Grace"

"How Great Thou Art"

"Jesus Loves Me"

CASKET BEARERS

*Alex Bodaken, Ian Bodaken, Mel Gutz
Jay Butterfield, Clair Thompson, Dean Nicholson*

INTERMENT

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, Iowa



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