



## Hildegard Bruch

January 11, 1918 - May 7, 2016

Hildegard Elizabeth Bruch, 98, of Carroll, Iowa, passed peacefully from this life surrounded by loving family on Saturday, May 7th, at St. Anthony's Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Craig Collison with Con-Celebrants Fr. James Bruch and Fr. Lynn Bruch. Music will be by Kate Cuddy and the St. Lawrence Choir. Lectors will be Mary Lisa Zug and Meghan Ann Zug. Gift Bearers will be Ethel and Ray Reiff and the Eucharistic Minister will be Peg Scheidt. Casket Bearers will be Marilyn Renee Alvarado, Christopher Zug, Ryan Zug, Cory Bruch, Jason Bruch, Jennifer Bayne, Katrina Lehtola, and Elizabeth Lehtola. Honorary Casket Bearer will be Joseph R. Bruch, Jr. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. at St. Francis Cemetery in Maple River.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. A rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m., and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church on Thursday morning, where visitation will resume at 10 a.m. and continue until the time of the funeral mass.

Born on January 11, 1918, in Maple River, Iowa, Hilda was the fourth of 13 children born to John and Anna (Niehaus) Staiert. On February 10, 1942, she was united in marriage to Joseph Bruch at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Maple River. The couple first farmed near Auburn but soon moved to Fonda, Iowa. After farming for more than 50 years, the couple retired, remaining on the farm for several years before moving to an acreage on the edge of Fonda. In addition to assisting on the farm, Hilda worked for several years at the Fonda Care Center. Later the couple returned to Carroll and enjoyed their final years together in their home on Simon Avenue. Despite a few of her own health scares, Hilda lovingly cared for Joe as his health declined prior to his passing in 2003. She moved to Orchard View in 2004 and to St. Anthony's Nursing Home in January, 2015.

When not working or caring for her family, she enjoyed gardening, baking, sewing, crocheting and quilting. Faith and family were of the utmost importance to her, as were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to whom she devoted countless hours feeding, playing cards, rescuing from rural perils, and demonstrating a deep love and care for one another.

Joe and Hilda raised four proud children who survive to honor their memory: Joseph of Carroll; Mary Ann (Tom) Zug of Clive, Iowa; John (Diane) of Lubbock, Texas; and Rita Jane (Peter) Lehtola of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Left with fond memory of the couple are nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her sister, Ethel (Ray) Reiff, of Carroll, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Hilda was preceded in death by her husband; an infant daughter, Joanne; her parents; siblings, Loretta Reiff, Agnes Gehling, Rosina Wiederin, Marita Heires, Anita Bellinghausen, and Elmer, Henry, Walter, Edwin, Paul, and Leo

Staiert; and infant siblings, Eleanor, Arthur, and Joseph.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Hilda's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Mary Ann and family,  
I am so sorry to read about the death of your dear mother. I can see that she was loved and admired by many people; her life improved the lives of many that she touched.  
I pray the love and warmth of family and friends will help to ease the burden of your lose. In time, the warm, happy memories of her will comfort you in your life.

Carolyn L. Beverly

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Carolyn Beverly - May 16, 2016 at 01:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Hildegard Bruch.



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May 11, 2016 at 12:50 PM

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“ The Roosevelt Math Department purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Hildegard Bruch.



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The Roosevelt Math Department - May 10, 2016 at 03:59 PM

SA

“ *Silva Engineering Associates purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Hildegard Bruch.*



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**Silva Engineering Associates** - May 10, 2016 at 03:50 PM

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“ *My deepest embrace of love, prayer and peace to you all. What a dear lady, regal and beautiful in every way. How loved she was by you all, my brother Paul and all of us. The prayer and love of all our family are with you. Peace and blessings, Sister Rita Heires*

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**Sister Rita Heires** - May 10, 2016 at 07:57 AM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Didn't really know your Mom, but wanted to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your Mom was across the hall at St. Anthony's Nursing Home, from our Mother. Hugs from Bernice Sporrer family.*

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**Cindy Sporrer** - May 09, 2016 at 09:34 PM

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“ *The Henry Staiert Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Hildegard Bruch.*



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**The Henry Staiert Family** - May 08, 2016 at 08:25 PM

KC

“Hilda was such a special lady and it was always nice to go and visit a few moments with her when I would drop off yarn or pick up her donation of beautifully crocheted baby blankets for St. Anthony Hospital. She never wanted any recognition for her efforts, but the new moms that received one of her blankets always knew they had something special. Each one had a loving touch and was perfect down to the way they were folded and tucked into the bag. She has been missed these last couple years. God bless you, Hilda!

Kas Clausen

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Kas Clausen - May 08, 2016 at 02:56 PM

DW

“So sorry to hear of the passing of our wonderful Aunt Hilda Bruch. She will be missed by all of us. As I have seen her several times up at the St. Anthony Nursing Home, I never heard her complain. She was such a soft spoken and sweet lady, heaven gained an angel. Love you Hilda and RIP. Den and Dar Wiederin

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Darlene Wiederin - May 07, 2016 at 10:06 PM