



## Bernice Koym Stade

July 1, 1925 - November 10, 2009

Funeral services for Bernice Linda Koym Stade, 84, of East Bernard will be held Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 10:30 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in East Bernard with interment following in East Bernard Methodist Cemetery. The Rev. Michael Holcomb will officiate.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 8:30 a. m until 10:00 a. m. at First United Methodist Church, 431 Peitzsch Street, East Bernard.

Bernice Koym Stade was born July 1, 1925 in Rosenberg, Texas to Ferdinand William Koym of Content, Texas and Melinda Hensch Koym. Bernice's father, Ferdinand William, was twelve years old when his father, Ferdinand Ludwig Koym worked with four other families to relocate the Methodist Church from Content to East Bernard. Bernice's maternal grandfather, Peter Henry Hensch, served as pastor at the First United Methodist Church of East Bernard. Bernice Koym Stade joined her maker Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

Bernice grew up in the Tavener and Beasley areas and graduated from Beasley High School in 1942. Bernice attended Blinn Business School in Brenham, Texas following high school. After World War II, she married LeRoy W. Stade from Rosenberg, Texas and celebrated 49 years together. They lived in Wyoming until the birth of their first child. At that time they moved to Tavener, TX. where they successfully farmed cotton, milo, corn and raised

cattle. They later moved to East Bernard. Bernice was employed at Union State Bank, Kleckas Food Market and as a bookkeeper at John Deer Implement Co. and later Beasley Lumber Co. Bernice faithfully belonged to and served at the First United Methodist Church in East Bernard from the birth of her children until her death. She belonged to and worked with the United Methodist Women's Group, sang in the FUMC choir and attended many Bible studies. Bernice later joined the Calvary Baptist "Golden Heirs Choir" in Rosenberg, TX. where she joyfully sang for eight years. Having her Christian Faith and church family meant a great deal to her.

Mrs. Stade was preceded in death by her husband, LeRoy W. Stade and her brother, Dalton Ferdinand Koym and his wife Dorothy Dusek Koym.

She is survived by her loving children, daughter, Katherine Jane Russell and husband Glenn Paul, of East Bernard; son David Andrew Stade and wife Meghan Carmel of East Bernard; four grandchildren; Tiffany Renee' Stade of East Bernard, Tanner William Stade of East Bernard, Tara Katherine Stade of Houston and Ethan Stade Russell of East Bernard and they brought her great joy. Bernice was known to her grandchildren as "Memaw" or "Grammy". Her nieces are Nella Jean Stade Pugh and Carmene Stade Javorski of Seattle and one nephew, Allen Patrick Stibora, living in Mountain Air, New Mexico.

Bernice was dedicated to her family. She lived her life with strong Christian convictions and high moral character influencing all around her. Bernice was a loving and kind person not just to her family but to all.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 476, East Bernard, Texas, 77435, phone 979-335-6298.

Words of condolence and memorial tributes may be left for the Stade family at [www.davisgreenlanwfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlanwfh.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas, 77471, 281-341-8800.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We love all of you and send our deepest sympathies.  
*Delores and Nelson*

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**Delores and Nelson** - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Oh, which memory should I choose? I remember the Thanksgivings that you all came to see us and go hunting. Specifically I remember the times you sneaked up on us by turning your headlights out and driving down the lane in the dark!! I think of those times often and always with a smile. Your mom was so sweet and had a good sense of humor. I think of her often. My thoughts and prayers are with you all through the coming days.

Love,  
Jean

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**Jean Eckert Lange** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ We thank you Bernice for your leadership, good will and hard work behalf the Koym Stade Family and all who came and went in her life. Deep warm regards are expressed on her on her behalf.

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**Kenneth Koym** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM