



Barbara Roberts

February 12, 1941 - January 6, 2020

Barbara Roberts, 78, of Ackley, passed away Monday, January 6, 2020 at Scenic Manor. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ackley. She will be laid to rest at the Union Cemetery in Iowa Falls. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM on Friday, January 10 at the First Presbyterian Church. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Barb and her family.

Barbara Jean Roberts was born February 12, 1941 to Theodore and Meryl (Imsland) Balvanz in Eldora, Iowa. Barbara attended La James College in Mason City, Iowa after high school to become a cosmetologist. She later earned a degree in medical coding at Ellsworth College in Iowa Falls, Iowa. In May of 1960 Barbara was united in marriage to Marvin Larsen at Grant Center Lutheran Church. They later divorced. On July 1, 1983 she married Donald Roberts at the Franklin County Courthouse in Hampton, Iowa.

Barbara was a hairdresser and had her shop in her home for many years in Latimer, Iowa. She worked at Kmart in Iowa Falls for several years, then became a ward clerk at Franklin General Hospital. In the mid 90's she went to work for Theisen's after helping set up the store before it opened. She retired at age 70. She and Donald spent much of their time filling the garden truck, taking produce to farmers markets. They sold home grown produce that they raised on the farm together. After moving to town, they started making crafts

to sell at various craft shows, which they enjoyed very much. Barbara also loved playing cards, collecting cookie jars and traveling.

Barbara Roberts is survived by her husband, Donald Roberts Jr. of Ackley, Iowa; children, John (Traci) Larsen of Pleasant Hill, Iowa, Jeff (Jean) Larsen of Forest City, Iowa, Jarred (Melody) Larsen of Jefferson, Iowa, Jason Larsen (Milissa) of Thompson, Iowa, Jeanne Larsen of Evansdale, Iowa; step-children, Randy (Donna) Roberts of Ackley, Iowa, Rose (Brian) Brosher of Clear Lake, Iowa, Rachel (Chris) Diggins of Rockwell, Iowa; twenty-four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Karen (Gordon) Heitland of Iowa Falls, Iowa; a brother, Marlyn (Linda) Balvanz of Iowa Falls, Iowa and other extended family. She was preceded in death by her son, James Larsen; her parents; her in-laws, Don and Louise Roberts; brother in-law, Gary Roberts; daughter in-law, Rhonda Sunken and grand-daughter in-law, Heather Lutt.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ackley First Presbyterian Church
1300 4th Ave
Ackley, IA 50601

Service

JAN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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1300 4th Ave
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Burial

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Union Cemetery
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Tribute Wall



“ *Don, Wendy, Gavin and Ashley Grant purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Roberts .*



Don, Wendy, Gavin and Ashley Grant - January 10, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Roberts .*



January 09, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *The CBRE campus engineering Team. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Barbara Roberts .*



The CBRE campus engineering Team. - January 09, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Barbara Roberts .*



January 09, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Roberts .*



January 08, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ *John and Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. You mom was so much fun when were where you kids. Keep the good memories in your heart*

Scott and Becky Olk

Scott Olk - January 07, 2020 at 05:55 PM