



Barbara J. Szakas

February 19, 1942 - August 10, 2013

Barbara J. Szakas, 71, of Aredale, Iowa, passed away Saturday, August 10, 2013, at her home with her family by her side. She was born on February 19, 1942, in Los Angeles, California, to Gordon Douglas and Norma Caroline (Allen) Harrison. Barbara graduated from Monroe High School in North Hills, California. She attended Valley College in Van Nuys, California and later received her Master's in Nursing from the University of Phoenix, where she was part of a sorority. Barbara served her country in the United States Army as a Nurse. She was active with the International Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the Order of the Eastern Star in California and Iowa and the International Order of Job's Daughters. Barbara enjoyed reading and genealogy. She is survived by her daughter Norma Szakas of Hesperia, California, granddaughter Julia Zeldin of Hesperia, California, sister Linda L. Harrison of Aredale, Iowa, sister Dianne Kozara of Tomball, Texas, Norma's father Joseph Szakas of Aredale, Iowa, niece Gail Quinteros, nephew Scott Kozara, great nieces April Eubanks, Kayla Quinteros and Autumn Quinteros, great great niece Lillian Hartoon, great great nephew Leland Eubanks, along with several cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Gordon and Norma and brother-in-law Peter Kozara. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at the Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or The H.I.K.E. Fund.