



Janet Gladys Barnhart

June 30, 1924 - June 5, 2026

Janet Gladys Oleson was born in rural Butler County, the second youngest of 11 children, to August and Lena (Huber) Oleson. Growing up Janet was a member of The Little Brown Church in Nashua and gave her heart to Jesus while at a special service. That spiritual heart transformation guided her daily life for all the days that she lived. She graduated from Nashua High School and continued her education through a 10-week course at Upper Iowa College. Upon completion she became certified to teach at country schools. A life-long learner, Janet continued pursuing her education by attending night classes and summer school and over time she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Teaching from Wartburg College and her Master's Degree from UNI.

On August 18, 1946, Janet was united in marriage with Dwight Barnhart at her home church, The Little Brown Church. Janet loved being married to Dwight while they enjoyed 66 years of marriage, traveled to many places, and raised four children.

Janet taught at various country schools including Readlyn, Bradford and rural Greene. In 1955 she began teaching in the Greene Public School system in junior high math and eventually high school English. In total she taught for 42 years until retiring in 1989. Nothing made Janet happier than talking to former students. She was known for remembering all her students as well as their

siblings and parents, some of whom were both taught by her.

She was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church in Greene and very active in Bible studies and prayer groups. She also taught Sunday School and Youth groups for many years. She enjoyed spending time vacationing with her family (many years while using only a tent), having family dinners at least once a month after her kids had grown, where she made wonderful breads and salads, and working on a magnificent flower garden she had in her backyard. She was also an avid ISU Football fan for many years, attending games with family and grandchildren.

Family include her children: Diane (Paul) Larson, Fort Dodge; Karen (Chuck) Franke, Charles City; Debra (Matt) Homer, Aredale; Carl (Marcia) Barnhart, Mount Vernon; grandchildren: Nickolas (Jasmine) Franke; Molly (Matt) Elliott; Joshua (Maggie) Franke; Jonathan (Courtney) Noelting; Joel (Kayla) Noelting; Rachel (s/o TJ) Noelting; Samuel (s/o Shannon) Noelting; Ryan Bailey; Jesse (s/o Crystale) Homer; Michele (Rob) Schmidt; Nathaniel (Anna) Barnhart; Aaron (Emilee) Barnhart; 18 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and friends.

Janet (Oleson) Barnhart, 101, of Greene, passed away Friday, June 5, 2026, at Floyd County Medical Center, Charles City. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 13, at the United Methodist Church, Greene. Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Greene. Visitation will be Saturday, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the church. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Greene is caring for Janet and her family

Janet is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery - Greene

11381 Lodge Ave
Greene, IA 50636

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
107 N. Water St
Greene, IA 50636

Funeral service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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107 N. Water St
Greene, IA 50636

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Always fond memories of her . Spent many times I visited in Iowa in their home. She will always be remembered for her kindness and faith in Jesus.

Dorothy Hoffman - June 13 at 09:59 AM

LD

What an accomplished woman! What a life! I am going to miss seeing her at the ISU football games.

Larry DeWitt - June 22 at 01:42 PM

DJ

“ To Janet's family,
Prayers to all of you during this difficult time. Janet was such a great role model for students and staff. I taught with her for seven years and greatly admired her character, wisdom, dedication, sense of humor, and positive spirit about life. She will be dearly missed.
Donita Joens

Donita Joens - June 11 at 11:11 PM

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“ Oleson and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janet Gladys Barnhart.



Oleson and family - June 08 at 04:25 PM



“ Lord bless and keep you, Deb. <3 Your mom was an amazing woman. :)

Carmen Lewis - June 07 at 07:45 PM



“ The life you established leaves a legacy spanning generations positively benefiting our lives. With grace and faith your in Heaven sharing in the Glory of God.

Mark - June 07 at 07:20 PM