



Valda Ann Bohlen

March 24, 1937 - April 2, 2023

Valda Ann Bohlen, 86, of Allison, Iowa, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2023, at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison, surrounded by her family.

Valda was born on March 24, 1937, to Floyd and Helena (Constien) DeBower on a farm east of Allison. She was baptized and confirmed at St. James Lutheran Church in Allison, where she learned “that faith was to put my hand in God’s and let Him lead me.” Valda attended Jackson country school and Allison grade school. She graduated from Allison High School in 1954.

Valda began working at the State Bank of Allison during her senior year and for several years thereafter. She met Melvin Bohlen and they were united in marriage on February 26, 1956, at St. James Lutheran Church in Allison. They moved to their present farm in 1958, where they enjoyed farming and raising their three children. Later, Valda worked at the post office and retired after twenty years at Butler County Rural Electric Co-op.

Valda was a loyal member of St. James Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday school, was a Lutheran League sponsor, served on the church council, served as recording treasurer, and was active in WELCA.

Valda loved to cook, bake, and play cards. Mel and Valda loved helping others. They raised money for children through Pony Express for over forty years. Her true enjoyment was spending time with her family, the joy of her life.

Valda is survived by her husband of sixty-seven years, Mel Bohlen of Allison; children, Karla (Larry) Schmidt of Allison, Danny (Lori) Bohlen of Allison, and Trisha (Dean) Bahe of Waverly; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Audrey Freesemann of Allison; sister-in-law Margie DeBower of Decorah; special people, Jim Sharp and family, and Jason and Staci Miller; along with numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Helena DeBower; brother, Lyle

DeBower; and brother-in-law Hank Freeseemann.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 6, 2023, at St. James Lutheran Church in Allison, with burial in the Allison Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Allison.

Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Allison is caring for Valda and her family.

Cemetery Details

Allison Cemetery

IA-14
Allison, IA 50602

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Allison - Woodley Funeral Home
308 Birch Street
Allison, IA 50602
(319) 267-2507

Service

APR 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
421 N Main Street
Allison, IA 50602

Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Valda Ann Bohlen



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - April 04, 2023 at 08:06 PM

KV

“ Sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Kim Voss

Kim K Voss - April 07, 2023 at 02:58 PM

BT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss!

beva turpin - April 06, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Valda Ann Bohlen.



April 04, 2023 at 10:32 PM

SF

“ Sherry Langfritz and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Valda Ann Bohlen.



Sherry Langfritz and family - April 04, 2023 at 12:04 PM

MF

“ My sister, LaVon Fuls-Hifler, graduated with Valda. I remember Valda as being a really sweet person. LaVon still lives in Gainesville, Texas, but she is now in Assisted Living there. I will inform her of your loss. Deep sympathy to all family members.

Mary Fuls-Grant - April 03, 2023 at 09:42 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Valda Ann Bohlen.



April 03, 2023 at 09:40 PM

DS

“ Our sympathy to the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dave and Kristy Schipper

Dave Schipper - April 03, 2023 at 09:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Valda Ann Bohlen.



April 03, 2023 at 08:56 PM

BB

“ My sympathy to Mel and the family!
From Beverly Bohlen

Beverly Bohlen - April 03, 2023 at 07:50 PM

BG

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Bohlen family. Velda was such a beautiful soul.
Heaven gained an angel.

Butch & Gwen Groen - April 03, 2023 at 07:36 PM

MS

“ Valda was a very special lady. She always had a smile. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Russ & Margyne Smith

Margyne Smith - April 03, 2023 at 07:12 PM

GK

“ Trisha you and your family have our deepest sympathy. Your mom was a special lady. Your happy memories will help you get through this sad time. Thinking of you all. Gary & Mary Kramer

Gary & Mary Kramer - April 03, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ Valda meant so much to me and my family. We loved her dearly. - Sherry Langfritz

Sherry Langfritz - April 03, 2023 at 03:12 PM

PL

“ Valda was an amazing person. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. Deepest sympathy to you all.



Pam and Bobby Lore - April 03, 2023 at 07:18 AM

PP

Sympathy and prayers to the Bohlen family. We loved visiting Valda when we came to the family reunions. She will be missed. Sorry for your loss.

Pam Prisinger - April 03, 2023 at 08:45 PM

JB

Tom enjoyed with her when he managed the insurance office at the Allison State Bank. I remember her giving us sweet corn. She was always kind. Our condolences to her family.
~ Tom and Jill Brokaw

jill Brokaw - April 03, 2023 at 10:52 PM

MP

So sorry for your loss. We had many fun times with Valda . Rest In Peace.

Myrna Prange - April 04, 2023 at 08:35 PM