



## Barbara Fynaardt

October 22, 1944 - January 27, 2023

Barbara Fynaardt, 78, of Oskaloosa, passed away Friday, January 27, 2023, at The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Barbara Kay Fynaardt, daughter of LaVerne and Ruby (Vander Kamp) Van Zante, was born October 22, 1944, in Grinnell, Iowa. She was raised on a farm near Lynnville and attended a country school before finishing eighth grade at Sully Christian Grade School. She went on to graduate from Lynnville-Sully High School in 1962. After graduating, she began working at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. After church one evening, she and her friends met some young men from Oskaloosa, and one of them thought she was pretty nice. They continued to meet with friends, and eventually, she and Paul Dean Fynaardt settled on a wedding date. On November 26, 1965, they married at the Sully Christian Reformed Church. They settled on a farm near Oskaloosa, and Barb continued to work until her children were born. In the late 80s, Barb was ready to return to work, and she found something she enjoyed; cooking and serving food in the Hy-Vee Deli. She was a mainstay at Hy-Vee for more than 25 years. Her family and friends will remember Barb as a "hard worker." She loved being outdoors; she loved to mow her lawn and tend her vegetable and flower gardens. Her family ate from the bounty of her garden well into the winter and spring because she also loved to can and freeze the produce. She also loved her kitties – much to her husband's chagrin – and would let them sleep in the house on cold nights. Barb was also a huge Hawkeye sports fan – basketball being her favorite sport. She was a

member of the Oskaloosa First Christian Reformed Church, where she taught Sunday school.

Her family includes her husband, Paul; her children: Kimberly (Joe) Albright of University Park, Kevin (Robin) Fynaardt of West Des Moines, and Kendall Fynaardt of Altoona; five grandchildren: Austin, Haley, and Caden Albright, and Mallory and Aaron Fynaardt; a sister, Beverly (Rodney) Van Maanen of Lynnville, and a brother, Bradley Van Zante of Grinnell.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Kraig Fynaardt, and her stepfather, Ralph J. Van Wyk.

Funeral services for Barb will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at the First Christian Reformed Church, with Rev. Jonathan Spronk officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m., Monday, at the church; the family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m. Langkamp Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. Memorials can be made to Oskaloosa Christian Grade School, Pella Christian High School, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
secretary@forestcemetery.com  
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church  
815 North 11th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
firstcrcosky@mahaska.org  
<http://www.firstcrcosky.org>

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Fynaardt*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Kim, Joe, Austin, Haley and Caden, So sorry to hear about the passing of your mom/grandma. Barb was a sweet and kind soul. Sending prayers that God wraps his comforting arms around all of you during this difficult time. 🙏💜*



**CINDY & STEVE ALBRIGHT** - January 29, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Wayne And Marla Nilson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Fynaardt*



**Wayne and Marla Nilson** - January 29, 2023 at 01:27 PM



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



January 29, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Doug & Rhonda Callison lit a candle in memory of Barbara Fynaardt* ”



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**Doug & Rhonda Callison** - January 29, 2023 at 09:44 AM