



Barbara Life

August 3, 1926 - July 5, 2018

Barbara Life, 91, of Oskaloosa passed away Thursday, July 5, 2018, at the Mahaska Health Partnership Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Barbara LaVoe Life, daughter of Virgil "Bill" and Irene (McKinney) Shaw, was born August 3, 1926, in rural Mahaska County. The family later moved to Oskaloosa where Barbara attended Oskaloosa Schools. While in Oskaloosa, Barbara met John Life. At that time, John was stationed in Farragut, Idaho as a member of the United States Navy. Barbara and John were married in Farragut, Idaho and remained there until John's discharge. The couple moved to St. Louis, MO for a short time before returning home to Oskaloosa in 1945, and began their family. In 1950, the family moved to western Texas, where John worked in the oil fields, and Barb took care of the children and the home. In 1956, the family returned to Iowa and settled in Cedar, where they lived in the same home for 54 years.

Barb was a member of the Cedar United Methodist Church since 1956, a member of the Women's Two O'clock Club of Cedar and the Cedar Crusaders. She was an avid reader, flower gardener and enjoyed the occasional trip to Prairie Meadows Casino. Most of all, Barb loved her grandchildren and spending time with her family.

Barbara's family includes her five children: Dr. Dennis (Diana) Life of Tucson, AZ, Greg (Linda) Life of Oskaloosa, IA, Brad (Melinda) Life of Ankeny, IA, Chade (Ivette) Life Ft. Myers, FL and Barbara Jo Life of Nashville, TN; 6 grandchildren: Travis (Ellen) Life of Elmhurst, IL, Brett Life of Marion, IA, Erin (Tom) Bogenski of Des Moines, IA, Sarah (Steven) Jenkins of Nashville, TN, Evan Life of Madison, WI and Marc (Logan) Life of Atlanta, GA; 8 great-grandchildren; two step-grandsons: Zachery and Parker Wagoner of Ankeny, IA; one brother, Burl "Pat" Shaw and one sister, Bonnie Childs, both of Sundown, TX; and two sisters-in-law: Marianne Webb of Coeur d'Alene, ID and Betty Shaw of Levelland, TX.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John, three brothers: Bill, Ben, and Bob Shaw, and one great-grandson, Braden Jenkins.

Funeral services for Barb will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at the Cedar United Methodist Church with Pastor Bob Voels officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Eddyville, IA. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Monday, at Langkamp Funeral

Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m. Monday evening. Memorials may be made to the Cedar United Methodist Church. Langkamp Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements. Memories and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting langkampfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

2281-2285 330th Street
Eddyville, IA 52553

Previous Events

Open Visitation

JUL 9. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 672-2181
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
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Family Visitation

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Funeral

JUL 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

Cedar United Methodist Church
2802 305th ST
Cedar, IA 52543

Burial

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Highland Cemetery
2281-2285 330th Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Life*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Greg & Linda,
Sincere sympathy to you and your families at this difficult time. Barbara was such a special lady and Stacy and I always enjoyed visiting with her and Linda at her hearing health appointments. Surely proud of all of you and your accomplishments. The grand babies so very special. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. Mothers hold a special place in our hearts.*



*Scott & Kathy Shaw
Stacy & Cyler Sammons
Concept by Iowa Hearing aid centers*

Kathy Shaw - July 09, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *Mary Anderson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Life*



Mary Anderson - July 09, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Life.*



July 09, 2018 at 03:00 PM



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



July 09, 2018 at 12:14 PM

DM

“ *Dave and Dan Moore purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara Life.*



Dave and Dan Moore - July 09, 2018 at 11:46 AM

DF

“ *Daryl and Deb Fisher and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Life.*



Daryl and Deb Fisher and family - July 09, 2018 at 10:12 AM

MC

“ *Mike & Ann Cornelison purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Barbara Life.*



Mike & Ann Cornelison - July 08, 2018 at 06:05 PM

LS

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss! Lynhon and Dave Stout.*

Lynhon Stout - July 08, 2018 at 02:05 PM

JB

“ *Judy Belzer lit a candle in memory of Barbara Life*



Judy Belzer - July 08, 2018 at 09:59 AM

SS

“ *Steve and Sheryl Shaw purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Life.*



Steve and Sheryl Shaw - July 06, 2018 at 10:36 PM

SG

“ *Barb was a beautiful lady.. Mom and I enjoyed trips with her to Prairie Meadows.. she will be missed...*

Sue Gerard - July 06, 2018 at 07:49 PM

DS

“ *Dave & Cheri Sharp purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Barbara Life.*



Dave & Cheri Sharp - July 06, 2018 at 06:08 PM