



Jean Barnhill

November 24, 1928 - August 7, 2020

Jean Barnhill, age 91, of Oskaloosa passed away Friday, August 7, 2020, at the Oskaloosa Care Center.

Phyllis Jean Barnhill, one of seven children born to Ernest Calvin and Inez (Godfrey) Tandy, was born November 24, 1928, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Following her graduation from Oskaloosa High School in 1946, Jean began working at Northwestern Bell as a telephone operator. She also worked at Wake's Feed and the Mahaska County Court House, before opening the A & W Restaurant on A Avenue in Oskaloosa. Jean married Robert "Barney" William Barnhill January 30, 1969, in Fort Myers, Florida. Together they operated the restaurant and eventually built a new building on A Avenue. After Robert's retirement in 1980, Jean sold the restaurant, and it was changed to Dairy Queen and, eventually, Chuong's Garden.

Jean and Robert enjoyed 18 years of traveling and wintering in Lanark Village, Florida. While living there, they were members of the Lanark Village Community Church and active in many activities. They returned to live full-time in Oskaloosa in 2004. Jean was a member of the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa, the V.F.W. and American Legion Auxiliaries, Oskaloosa Altrusa Club, and D.A.R. She was an avid reader, enjoyed studying the Bible and researching genealogy. She also loved playing BINGO and her daily coffee time with friends at McDonald's. Jean's legacy was her kindness, compassion, and most of all her love and devotion for her family. She will be missed by so many and she has surely heard Jesus say ..."Well done, good and faithful

servant."

Jean's family includes her nephews and nieces: Bob Okerstrom of Mason City, Beverly Saunders of Nebraska, Sherry Vander Schoor of Des Moines, Vicki (Roger) Hoch of Ankeny, Russell (LuAnn) Tandy of Columbia, MO, Bill Tandy of Knoxville, Tanya (Wally) Hopf of Knoxville, Steve (Barb) Tandy of Carl Junction, MO, and Carla Tandy of Monument, CO; many great-nieces and nephews; her step-children: Jane (Wayne) Monroe of Ottumwa, Robert Barnhill of Houston, TX, and Jim (Heidi) Barnhill of Deerfield, WI; many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and her dear friend, Bonnie Newell of Oskaloosa.

In addition to her husband, Barney, and her parents, Jean was preceded in death by four sisters: Lucille Tandy, Violet Okerstrom, Ruth Saunders and Thelma Buyert, and two brothers: Raymond and Russell Tandy.

Funeral services for Jean will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Reverend Molly Goodrich of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral chapel. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and reasonable personal protective equipment are advised for attending this public event. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Christian Church or Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Open Visitation

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Barnhill*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jean Barnhill.*



August 12, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *Our condolences.
Daryl and Cherol Brown*

Daryl Brown - August 12, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mike Vogt lit a candle in memory of Jean Barnhill*



Mike Vogt - August 12, 2020 at 08:45 AM



I was a car-hop at the A&W, Jean was a great lady and a wonderful employer & mentor. God Bless!

Mike Vogt - August 12, 2020 at 08:54 AM

AH

“ *Arlene Newell & Jay Hutchings lit a candle in memory of Jean Barnhill*



Arlene Newell & Jay Hutchings - August 11, 2020 at 09:56 PM

TH

“ *Tanya Hopf lit a candle in memory of Jean Barnhill*



Tanya Hopf - August 10, 2020 at 06:05 PM

TH

Such a light in my life and all our family. Until we hold you in heaven, we will hold you in our hearts. Love u forever!

Tanya Hopf - August 10, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jean Barnhill.*



August 10, 2020 at 10:07 AM

NM

“ *Barnhill family: Sorry to hear of your loss. You and all of your families are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Nancy (Stapp) McCurdy



Nancy J Stapp McCurdy - August 09, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JF

“ *Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Jean Barnhill*



Jeff & Jill Ferguson - August 09, 2020 at 07:17 AM

JF

Very nice lady and my first job experience, Jean taught a lot of young people the right way and to enjoy life. RIP my friend.

Jeff Ferguson - August 09, 2020 at 07:21 AM

LA

“ *Lou Albers lit a candle in memory of Jean Barnhill*



Lou Albers - August 08, 2020 at 10:40 PM

LA

My sympathy to the family. Jean was a sweet lady. She will be missed.

Lou Albers - August 08, 2020 at 10:41 PM

HK

*I worked for Jean and Hope at the Dairy Queen in my high school years. She taught me so much about life and the business field. If it had not been for her I would not have had a suit for graduation, they took me to Ottumwa and purchased everything for me. She had a generous heart and
Will be missed. When we came back to Iowa we always made sure to her.*

Howard Kool - August 09, 2020 at 02:25 PM

SV

*We miss you already, Jeanne...you really were an extraordinary lady and such an important part of our lives. Love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck. Fly high, Jeanne, you're free now.
Sherry VanderSchoor*

Sherry VanderSchoor - August 13, 2020 at 11:25 PM