



## Sabra Lanphier

December 23, 1925 - February 12, 2022

Sabra Lanphier, 96, of Oskaloosa, passed away Saturday evening, February 12, 2022, at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa.

Sabra Darlene Lanphier, daughter of Samuel B. and Maudie Mae (Tulk) Barnhill, was born December 23, 1925, in Pershing, Iowa. She attended several different country schools, including one at Flager. Sabra graduated from Tracy High School in 1943, where she was a member of the high school basketball team, which, during her years on the team, played in district games.

On October 12, 1941, Sabra married William “Bill” James Lanphier in Lancaster, Missouri. Bill left for the Army three days later. They kept their marriage a secret for a year with only Bill’s sister and brother-in-law, who were their witnesses and Sabra’s sister, knowing.

After high school, Sabra traveled to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, where Bill was stationed. They lived there until Bill was sent to Europe during WWII. Sabra then returned home to Tracy, where she and her sister Mable lived together until their husbands returned home.

Sabra and Bill farmed in several areas, including Lovilia, Tracy, and Bussey, Iowa. In Bussey, they were saved by grace while attending and later becoming members of Union Liberty Church. Sabra was baptized in the Des Moines River.

While living at Bussey, Bill and Sabra met very dear friends and spent many summers touring the western United States with these dear people.

Sabra was a homemaker while her children were younger, and in 1967, she went to work at Rolscreen (Now Pella Corp) in Pella. She worked there until retiring in 1988.

During this time, Sabra and Bill started attending church at Bethel Baptist in Oskaloosa. Where at the time of her homegoing, she was still a member. Sabra enjoyed many things, including flowers, cooking, and baking for friends and family. She will be remembered for fried Chicken, homemade bread, and cinnamon rolls.

Sabra's memory is honored by her four daughters: Sandra (Dave) Vander Linden of Des Moines, Norma (Lawrence) Carter of Pella, Nancy McDonald of Knoxville, Joyce (Lloyd) Housley of Centerville, and a son, Bill (Christy) Lanphier of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was blessed with 14 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, eight step-great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, one step-great-great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews. Also surviving her are Carol Barnhill of Des Moines and two sisters-in-law, Eleanor Barnhill of Kentucky and Mari Riddleof Pella. Sabra was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, in 2006 and sons-in-law, Steve Conner and Rocky McDonald. In addition to her parents, Sam and Maudie Barnhill, she was also preceded in death by four brothers: Dale, Charles, Rex and one in infancy, six sisters: Rosa (Marvin) Caswell, Dorothy (Albert) Sherman, Mable (Bob) Lanphier, Gloria (Harold) Mick, Barbara (Jr.) King, an infant, Mary Elizabeth, and two sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Barnhill and Patty Barnhill.

Funeral services for Sabra will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Bethel Baptist Church, with Rev. Paul Brooks officiating. The burial will be in Bellefontain Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday; the family will greet visitors from 4-7 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Bethel Baptist Church, Bellefontain Cemetery for the military monument, or Midwest Hospice of Iowa.

# Cemetery Details

## Bellefountain Cemetery

2579 Ashland Ave  
Tracy, IA 50256

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends

FEB **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
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Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church  
1407 A Avenue West  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Sabra Lanphier*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - February 14, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Sabra Lanphier*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Sabra's passing, but she is with her Savior, even so she will be missed by all. Sabra was one sweet lady who has gone ahead to greet us someday.*

*Mae Van Steenis*

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**Mae Van Steenis.** - February 15, 2022 at 06:39 PM

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“ We got to know Sabra and Bill from Bethel Baptist Church. After Bill's passing, a few years later, Sabra contacted me to start taking care of her car. I would pick it up in Knoxville at the care facility where she lived and bring it back. Always, when I brought it back she had some yummy homemade chocolate chip cookies and sometimes some fresh coffee. We would sit and talk about family and politics and such. She always had a smile on her face and was so sweet and pleasant to talk to. I'm thankful for the time God gave me to be a servant to Sabra. She will be missed by many, but we know she is rejoicing in heaven this very day. My condolences to the family. David and Darla Whatling

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David & Darla Whatling - February 15, 2022 at 03:16 PM

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“ Robert & Mary Pinegar lit a candle in memory of Sabra Lanphier



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Robert & Mary Pinegar - February 15, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sabra Lanphier.



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February 15, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Sabra's passing. She and my mother (Ilaruth Burke) were close friends for many many years. Prayers for all the family during your time of sorrow.

Joyce (Burke) Webb

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**Joyce Webb** - February 15, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ Carolan Brooks lit a candle in memory of Sabra Lanphier



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**Carolan Brooks** - February 14, 2022 at 11:25 PM



“ Staci Sanders lit a candle in memory of Sabra Lanphier



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**Staci Sanders** - February 14, 2022 at 09:01 PM



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