



Verna Bolibaugh

September 30, 1938 - April 13, 2021

Verna Bolibaugh, 82, of Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Verna Jean Bolibaugh, daughter of Hiram and Fern Eva (Lockard) Walker, was born September 30, 1938, in Montezuma, Iowa. The family moved to Oskaloosa when Verna was 15 years old. After graduation from Oskaloosa High School in 1956, Verna attended the Ottumwa Beauty School. Verna joined Freda Taylor at Taylor's East High Beauty Shop after earning her license. In 1965, Verna purchased the shop from Freda and continued to operate it until her retirement in the mid-2000s.

Verna married Donald Bolibaugh on April 28, 1963, at the First Assembly of God in Oskaloosa. Verna was a busy mother raising her children and operating her shop, but she also found time to enjoy reading, gardening and her flowers. Her family and grandchildren, in particular, were so precious to her, and she tried never to miss any of the events in which they participated. In her later years, Verna enjoyed walking and coffee with her friends.

Decorating graves of relatives and friends was one of her long-time traditions; it was one way she showed her love and respect for those individuals. Verna was a beautician for almost 50 years; she got to know many of her customers and they became her friends. As a way to honor them and give them one last gift, she gladly did their hair before their funerals. Verna attended the Gateway Church of the Nazarene.

Verna's family includes her children: Rebecca (Jeff) Leu of Ottumwa, Wade

Bolibaugh of Oskaloosa, and Grant Bolibaugh, also of Oskaloosa; five grandchildren: Ethan and Blake Leu, and Veronica, Waylon, and Vivian Bolibaugh; two sisters, Nora Reece of Cedar Rapids, and Esther Richards of Perry; a brother, Dean (Joyce) Walker of Hiawatha; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews; and her husband's sister, Alice (John) DeRooi of Grinnell, and sister-in-law, Marie Bolibaugh of Eddyville. In addition to her parents and her husband, Don, in 2012, Verna was preceded in death by infant twins; two brothers, Venzel Lockard and Melvin "Bud" Walker Sr.; and two sisters, Grace Mason and Oma Leopard. Verna's funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, April 19, 2021, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, with Pastor David Pinkerton and Pastor Darren Melton officiating. Coffee and refreshments will be served before the service from 10 a.m. to service time. Burial will be in Barnes City Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Sunday; the family will greet visitors from 2-4 p.m., Sunday afternoon. Memorial contributions can be made to Relay of Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and appropriate personal protective equipment are advised for attending these public events. The service will be available to view on the Langkamp Funeral Chapel's YouTube channel Monday afternoon for those unable to attend the ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Barnes City Cemetery

C Avenue/Urbana Avenue
Barnes City, IA 50027

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Family Greeting Time

APR 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Refreshments

APR **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Verna Bolibaugh*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 17, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Verna Bolibaugh*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Hi, my name is Shawn Grimm, my mom is Jerri Grimm, Richard and Ladonna's daughter.*

You will be missed, but not forgotten. I was talking to her after mom passed away on August 5, 2020. Verna was my great aunt. I have many family members that I have lost touch with, and sorry for that. I know I have been out of touch with you all; you are all family and I am sorry for not being in touch.

Please accept my condolences.

Bye.

Shawn Grimm - June 04, 2021 at 11:42 PM

HS

“ *Such a wonderfully warm lady, a pleasure to know her. Sorry I am unable to attend services as I can only stand for short periods.*

Harlan Spain - April 18, 2021 at 06:53 PM

GP

“ *-Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Your mom was a "take charge" kind of person and a memory of her I treasure was when Larry and Helen had their 50th wedding anniversary at Lake Keomah. There was an abundance of planning & food but Verna told me she felt like something was missing; she left and returned with vases of freshly cut peonies from her yard to set on the tables! What beauty she gave everyone that day. ~Peg Penland*

-Your mom and dad were both part of our family and present at many family events over the years including weddings, anniversaries, kid's birthdays, new year's eve celebrations and other family get togethers. I was always on my better behavior when Verna was around. She had a soft and loving but strong presence of which I never chose to challenge. When we lived on south market they frequently stopped in for coffee and I was always grateful that Larry and Helen had such good friends. She was a good person and I hope you find joy, comfort and peace as you reflect on her life. I will miss seeing Verna when going back to Oskaloosa and am deeply saddened for her passing. ~Greg Penland

Greg and Peg Penland - April 17, 2021 at 09:35 PM

JB

“ *Such a great lady and friendly to everyone! My oldest sister & Verna were friends, and she did my mother's hair for years. I got to know her through them. Condolences to her children & families.*

Jean Binns - April 17, 2021 at 07:38 PM

IR

“ *Becky, Wade and Grant. I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother always had a smile and was so easy and gracious to visit with. She is at peace. May God wrap His warm arms of love around you during your time of grief and sorrow. Please know I am and will be praying for you.*

Ila Ruby - April 17, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Verna Bolibaugh.*



April 17, 2021 at 09:20 AM



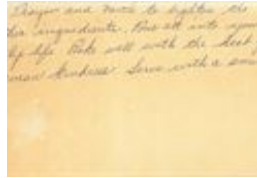
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April 16, 2021 at 11:16 PM



“ 325 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 16, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Verna Bolibaugh*.



April 16, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ *Verna and her mother have was great friends with my sister Beverly and mother Carolyn for many many years. They were their for us when my dad passed away when I was twelve as well as my mom and sister. She will be missed, but I know she is in her heavenly home in greater comfort with those others of her family and friends that have gone ahead. I Dixie and family are holding up Vernas family in prayers. Ed and Dixie HOYT*

Ed Hoyt - April 16, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Verna Bolibaugh.*



April 15, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Verna Bolibaugh.*



April 15, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to Verna's family. She will be greatly missed by all.*



Karen Knaak - April 15, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *Verna was one of my mom Patsy's dearest friends. Our family had many great memories with Verna, Don, Becky, Wade, and Grant. She was such a wonderful and caring lady. She will be missed by many. She is at peace now. God bless, thoughts and prayers to Becky/Jeff, Wade, and Grant. Brenda McQuiggan (Campbell), Patsy, Mike and Craig*



Brenda L McQuiggan - April 15, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *My mother, Mable Binns, lived in the upstairs apartment from Verna’s beauty shop. She did moms hair and looked out for her. Our family will forever remember her kindness. She was a sweet special lady. We are so sorry for your loss. I remember seeing her at Joe’s Barn and the OHS reunion a few years ago. Blessings to her family and many friends.*

*Ted and Louise Binns Burson
Manistique, MI*

Louise Burson - April 15, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *My mother Verla Hough was a friend and had a great hair cut by her. She thought the world of her. So sorry for your loss.*

Lynhon Stout - April 15, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Verna and I went to High school together. She helped work on reunions. She was always ready to lend a helping hand. She will be greatly missed.*

Dena Roorda - April 15, 2021 at 11:24 AM

KG

“ Verna was truly a gift for so many. She came into my life a few years back. We were church pew buddies, high school basketball and softball buddies, Wednesday night meal workers together, we joined the Gateway Church together as members . She would call to remind me of the games, and if they could be viewed on MCG ! We were planning to go the the Easter Experience, at church, along with Ila, and then she went into the hospital . I know for sure that I will miss her, as well as many others . She is with the Lord now, and I am thankful that I know this as a certainly. God bless the family.
Kathy Grubb

Kathy Grubb - April 15, 2021 at 10:07 AM

JL

“ Judy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Verna Bolibaugh



Judy Lewis - April 15, 2021 at 09:36 AM

JE

“ Jill Ewing lit a candle in memory of Verna Bolibaugh



Jill Ewing - April 15, 2021 at 09:28 AM

JB

“ *Judy Belzer lit a candle in memory of Verna Bolibaugh*



Judy Belzer - April 15, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verna Bolibaugh.*



April 15, 2021 at 08:37 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verna Bolibaugh.*



April 15, 2021 at 08:02 AM

RC

“ *What a sweet, sweet lady. I have so many great memories of Verna, she will remain in my heart forever! In recent years, we enjoyed talking about our grandchildren and all the activities we loved watching. Verna always had a beautiful smile on her face and many kind words. Hugs, prayers and love to Wade, Becky, Grant and grandchildren.*



Rhonda Callison - April 15, 2021 at 07:14 AM

MW

“ Verna was part of my families life...forever. My sister's friend...my Mother's hairdresser. We are so sorry for your loss Becky..Wade..and Grant. May she rest in peace ❤️🙏

Mary Wisbrock - April 15, 2021 at 07:08 AM

SB

“ Shirley Bloodsworth lit a candle in memory of Verna Bolibaugh



Shirley Bloodsworth - April 14, 2021 at 11:22 PM

CV

“ Cliff And Leilani VandeWall lit a candle in memory of Verna Bolibaugh



Cliff and Leilani VandeWall - April 14, 2021 at 09:45 PM