



## Barb Degner

February 8, 1943 - May 26, 2019

Barbara Rae Degner, age 76 of Newell, Iowa passed away peacefully on May 26th, 2019 at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bethel Baptist Church in Newell. Burial will be in the Varina Cemetery.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Bethel Baptist Church in NEWELL. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara Rae Baughman was born February 8th, 1943 in Albert City, Iowa. Her parents were Hugh Jon Baughman and Erma Gladys Ham Baughman. When Barb was almost eight years old, her parents blessed their family with her brother Billy Jon Baughman.

Barb began her education at Varina Consolidated School. Upon its closing, she completed her schooling at Newell Providence in 1961. While in school, Barb enjoyed concert band, chorus, and glee club. Her favorite time of year was basketball season, as she played for six years on the first team. After graduation, Barb went to Bernel's Hairstyling in Fort Dodge, Iowa to earn a degree in cosmetology.

In December of 1958, she started dating the love of her life, Robert Clyde

Degner. In January of 1962, he was drafted into the Army. When on leave in March, the two were married. Once she completed her schooling, Barb joined Robert in Colorado Springs, Colorado. There, they enjoyed their first two years of marriage until Robert was discharged.

The couple returned home in 1964 and began renting a farm south of Fonda, Iowa, owned by the Kelly family. Together, Robert and Barbara lived there and farmed for almost 50 years and raised cattle, hogs, sheep, corn, beans, and children.

Robert and Barb were blessed with three boys: Dennis Lyn, James Lyn, and Jeffery Jon, and one girl, Stevi Rae. They were also the parents of over 50 foster children. Lots of love and children went through their home.

Over the years, it seemed that Barb always had children with her. Her grandchildren and nieces and nephews came to stay with her and Robert often. It was very obvious the love she had for all children.

Barb was a very devoted wife and mother. Her favorite place was next to her husband of 53 years until his passing on February 7th, 2015. Because of the love she showed, she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Barb was born again in November 1985. She was baptized to witness how much Jesus means to her. She firmly believed that each person must have a personal relationship with Jesus in order to have a life with Him in heaven. Jesus is the "Only Way."

Left to celebrate her life are her children: Dennis (Julie) Degner, James Degner, Jeffery (Darleen) Degner, and Stevi Degner; Brother Bill (Cheryl) Baughman; Sister-in-law Barbara (Roger) Waggie; Brother-in-law David (Ellen) Degner; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren (and 2 on the way),

many nieces, nephews, cousins, 50 foster children, and friends.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Robert; parents Hugh and Erma; two step-mothers Rowena Baughman and Lillian Baughman; and her father- and mother-in-law Fredrick Degner and Arvilla (Gloss) Degner.

# Cemetery Details

## Varina Cemetery

Varina, IA 50593

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church -- Newell  
313 Highway 7  
Newell, IA 50568  
<http://bethelnewell.org/>

## Service

**MAY 30.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barb Degner*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - May 29, 2019 at 10:28 AM

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“ *Condolences to the family and friends. Barb was a great classmate and friend.*

*Mike (Mick) Bellows*

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**Mike Bellows** - May 31, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Barb Degner.*



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May 29, 2019 at 04:48 PM



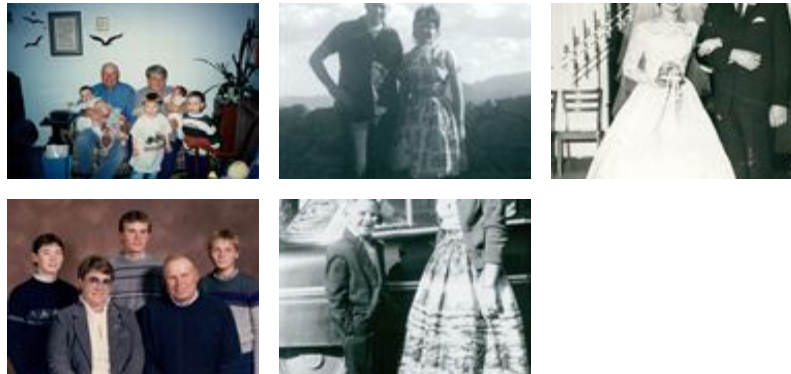
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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 29, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 29, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ Scott, Lis, Sam & Kylee purchased the *Fields of Europe for Spring* for the family of Barb Degner.



Scott, Lis, Sam & Kylee - May 28, 2019 at 10:36 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Barb Degner.*



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May 28, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barb Degner.*



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May 28, 2019 at 07:01 AM



“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Barb Degner*



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - May 27, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ *A long friendship which extends to our grandchildren. I am so sorry for your loss but know that Barb is with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. No more pain. Your family is in my prayers. May God comfort you today and in the days ahead.*



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**Doris Harvey** - May 27, 2019 at 04:44 PM