



## Barbara Mae Douglass

April 13, 1956 - August 26, 2018

Barbara Douglass, age 62, of Lakeside, Iowa died on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Fonda Specialty Care in Fonda, Iowa.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, August 31, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The family requests that memorials be directed to Fonda Specialty Care, 607 Queen St. Fonda, Iowa 50540 or to the family of Barbara Douglass. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara Mae Douglass, the daughter of Gilbert and Pauline (Mudge) Douglass, was born on April 13, 1956 in Storm Lake, Iowa. In her youth, Barbara attended grade school in Storm Lake. In 1974, Barbara graduated from Fenster Boarding School in Tucson, Arizona.

In her earlier years, Barbara worked in her family's business, Douglass Clothiers and ran The Branch, a store that the family added to their existing space. She loved the life of retailing on Lake Avenue and only left that when she became disabled by multiple sclerosis.

She made a new life at her Lakeside home, where at various times she could be spotted on her jet-ski or feeding the ducks and geese, that liked her little cove on the lake, and tending lots of potted flowers that she kept on her deck.

Sometimes she could be found tooling around on her mobility scooter visiting Storm Lake's outlet dam, keeping that under some pretty consistent supervision.

She loved her dogs, Mokie, Fifi, and Gucci, the latter two of which were standard poodles who were her constant companions as her life began to be centered more on being in her house.

She valiantly battled MS throughout the rest of her years, typically saying "it's only MS" and many of her mourners will be able to say she never wavered from that. When it became necessary for her to be moved to the nursing facility, she accepted that and become one of their favorite residents.

She was comfortable and content in her final moments and her devotional book was by her side. She was not alone. Her passing is a victory for her.

She was a founding member on the board for Patients Out of Time, a non-profit advocacy group for medical cannabis for eighteen years.

Those left to cherish her memory include her significant other, Steve Ross of Lakeside, Iowa; daughter, Michelle (Mike) Scionti of New York, New York; Half-brother, Ron (Jeri) Dreyer of Denison, Iowa; half-sister, Janet (Ken) Johnson of Kanab, Utah; and grandchildren, Leo and Olivia.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 31. 1:30 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - August 30, 2018 at 12:27 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie (Swenson) Demers lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



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**John and Connie (Swenson) Demers** - August 31, 2018 at 10:28 PM

FS

“ *Faith Shanholtzer lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



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**Faith Shanholtzer** - August 31, 2018 at 06:31 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Red* was purchased for the family of Barbara Mae Douglass.



August 30, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ 122 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - August 30, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *From Roger And Jolene Fethkenher*



**Roger Fethkenher** - August 29, 2018 at 10:02 PM

JB

“ *Ron & Jeri:  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



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**Jerry Boger** - August 29, 2018 at 09:41 PM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara Mae Douglass*



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**connie roche** - August 29, 2018 at 09:26 PM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara Mae Douglass*



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**connie roche** - August 29, 2018 at 06:38 PM

KK

“ *Kathleen Kunath sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Barbara Mae Douglass*



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**Kathleen Kunath** - August 29, 2018 at 04:43 PM

KK

*As long as I have known Barb, she was such a positive person. Despite her disability, she didn't let it own her. Now- she can "fly like a dove" without limitations. It's comforting to know that she is finally free of the physical bonds, and her spirit can soar.*

**Kathleen Kunath** - August 29, 2018 at 04:49 PM

TF

“ *The Stern-Nebeker family purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Barbara Mae Douglass.*



**The Stern-Nebeker family** - August 29, 2018 at 02:34 PM

JK

“ *Jan Klahs lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



**jan klahs** - August 29, 2018 at 09:40 AM

DS

“ *Deb (Anderson) Starr lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



**Deb (Anderson) Starr** - August 28, 2018 at 07:37 PM

LK

“ *Lory Preston Krummen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



**Lory Preston Krummen** - August 28, 2018 at 07:07 PM

JM

“ *Jeff Myers lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



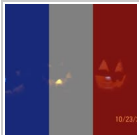
**Jeff Myers** - August 28, 2018 at 05:23 PM

KF

“ *Karl and Linda Weber (Francis) and Bree Foster purchased the Red Rose Fireside Basket for the family of Barbara Mae Douglass.*



**Karl and Linda Weber (Francis) and Bree Foster** - August 28, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ *Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



**Sally Rassler** - August 28, 2018 at 11:51 AM

MF

“ *Mary Farrell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



Mary Farrell - August 28, 2018 at 07:51 AM



“ *Amie Larsen Stark lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



Amie Larsen Stark - August 28, 2018 at 04:51 AM



“ *Amie Larsen Stark sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



Amie Larsen Stark - August 28, 2018 at 04:51 AM

MA

“ *Barbie and I danced together all our lives. I loved her and her family. I remember her helping with the family business when Barbie was younger than 10. I grew up with Barbie and knew her very well until I left Storm Lake in 1976. God bless her daughter, Michelle and all those she left behind. The world is better because Barbie Douglass lived.*

Mickey Andersen - August 27, 2018 at 09:52 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Henderson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



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**Michelle Henderson** - August 27, 2018 at 08:43 PM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mae Douglass*



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**Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh** - August 27, 2018 at 06:18 PM