



Barbara L. Hartje

September 5, 1929 - September 13, 2022

Barbara Hartje, age 93, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on September 13, 2022, at her home in rural Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Lenora (Kern) Hartje was born September 5, 1929 to Edward D. and Gwendolyn E. (Davis) Kern in rural Laurens, Iowa. Growing up, Barbara attended school in Laurens until her family moved to Albert City where she graduated high school.

On December 7, 1947 Barbara married Kenneth E. Hartje at Zion Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. The couple was blessed with three children: Suzanne, Patricia, and Robert.

Barbara enjoyed farm life, being an active participant in all aspects of the farming operation. She found joy in gardening, and attending to her flower beds. Barbara was fond of eagles and was proud of her eagle collection. Family was the most important part of Barbara's life. She especially treasured

her time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. They could always count on homemade treats from Grandma's house as she enjoyed baking and had baked goods ready for any visitor who came by.

Barbara was active in her community. She became a member of Zion Lutheran Church in 1948 where she served on Altar Guild and various committees. She served as a 4-H leader and was a mentor to many youths. She enjoyed bowling on a league for many years and loved playing golf, proudly hitting a "hole in one" at the age of 72. She was a board member for Ladies Keenage Golf. Barbara was also a member of the Cosmopolitan Club.

Barbara is survived by her children: Patricia (Arlen) Ciechanowski of Polk City, Iowa; Robert (Ronda) Hartje of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Chad (Nikki) Hartje of Rosemont, Minnesota; Valarie (Ben) Lauzer of Becker, Minnesota; Brenda (Nick) Rassett of Winsted, Minnesota; Erica (Darrin) Fischer of Ames, Iowa; Justin Mack of Grimes, Iowa; Suzanne (Corey) Dripps of Reinbeck, Iowa; Joe (Gayle) Ciechanowski of Alta, Iowa; Alicia (Tyler) Stunes of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Matthew (Megan) Sease of Polk City, Iowa; Paul (Bret) Wedemeyer of Casey, Iowa; 17 great grandchildren; extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Kenneth; daughter: Suzanne; son-in-law: Jerry Gast; and grandson: Andy Sease.

Barbara was blessed to be able to stay at home, thanks to the loving care of family, St. Croix Hospice and friends, particularly her neighbors: Dan and Karen Waites.

Cemetery Details

Zion Lutheran Cemetery

1725 555th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
1725 555th St
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 15, 2022 at 05:10 PM

LB

“ *Lloyd Boettcher lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



Lloyd Boettcher - September 17, 2022 at 11:31 AM

BM

“ *Ben & Judy Malcom lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



Ben & Judy Malcom - September 16, 2022 at 10:23 PM

CE

“ I am So Very Sorry for Your Loss! I remember Barb from years ago with her beautiful Smile and always being Welcome!!



Cindy Ehrig - September 16, 2022 at 08:33 AM

FJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen - September 15, 2022 at 06:03 PM

MH

“ Know Barb from Keenage and have missed her being there. Think she was the first lady we golfed with and was always enjoyable time. Sending prayers and sympathy to her family. Mary Ellen Hatch

Mary Ellen Hatch - September 15, 2022 at 02:14 PM

MP

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Barb on Mondays at Keenage golf. These last couple of years have not been the same without her. Rest in peace in your heavenly home my friend.

MaeBelle Powell
Ida Grove, Iowa

MaeBelle Powell - September 15, 2022 at 12:55 PM

DO

“ *Des Moines Court Security Officers purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Barbara L. Hartje.*



Des Moines Court Security Officers - September 15, 2022 at 10:48 AM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - September 14, 2022 at 11:16 PM

CM

“ *Cindy Morton lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



Cindy Morton - September 14, 2022 at 08:23 PM

TS

“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



Terra sheehan-Sievers - September 14, 2022 at 12:57 PM

BC

“ *Bankruptcy Court purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara L. Hartje.*



Bankruptcy Court - September 14, 2022 at 11:49 AM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



John and Connie Demers - September 14, 2022 at 07:53 AM

JK

“ *Jeff & Lory Krummen lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



Jeff & Lory Krummen - September 13, 2022 at 10:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Hartje.*



September 13, 2022 at 10:27 PM

LP

“ *Barb was so amazing. We had known her for years. She was so nice when I worked the golf course and the senior ladies had league. Prayers to the family.*



Larry and Jo Ann Pyle - September 13, 2022 at 10:24 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - September 13, 2022 at 09:10 PM

RS

“ *I am going to miss going to help barb with her cleaning .she was such a fun and loving and caring person .I am glad that Robert asked patty Barnett if she new of someone that would love to help his mother with her house cleaning .after I meet her we clicked right away and she loved to see me on my Wednesdays that I would be coming to her place .she was just like a grandma to me .I will miss her but I know she isn't in any pain anymore .love ya barb going to miss you .*

Robin stephan - September 13, 2022 at 07:24 PM

PB

“ *Sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship...a very special lady gone but never forgotten...*



Pat and Gene Barnett - September 13, 2022 at 06:09 PM

CF

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Christina W Frank - September 13, 2022 at 05:27 PM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Hartje*



connie roche - September 13, 2022 at 05:25 PM

TT

So sorry to here of Barbs passing. I will miss seeing her from time to time on Thursday evenings at Truesdale when we were back visiting S.L. My earliest memories of Kenny and Barb were climbing the long set of stairs up to their haymow to watch our parents square dance. This was during the late 50's or very earlier 60's . All of the kids would come and we had a great time. I think they were called the circle and swing square dance club. We would like to extend our sympathy to all the family! Tom and Sandy Tillman

Tom Tillman - September 18, 2022 at 05:42 PM