



Barbara L. Nieland

September 8, 1962 - October 20, 2020

Barbara L. Nieland, age 58, of Carroll, Iowa and formerly of Newell, Iowa died October 20, 2020 in Des Moines, Iowa after complications due to COVID-19.

Memorial services will take place Monday, October 26, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell. To watch the recording of the service, go to Barbara's tribute wall. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 3-5:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and funeral. In lieu of flowers, memorials made be directed in Barb's name to: New Hope Village Foundation, PO Box 887 Carroll, Iowa 51401. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara Lynn Ripke was born September 8, 1962 in Storm Lake, Iowa the daughter of Willis and Darnell (Pedersen) Ripke. As an infant, she was baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell where she was later confirmed in 1977.

Growing up, Barbara attended school in Newell where she graduated from Newell Providence in 1981. While in high school, Barbara played basketball, softball and was a cheerleader all four years. Barbara was united in marriage and blessed with two children: Benjamin and Belinda.

At 25 years old, Barbara was a passenger on a motorcycle when it was struck from behind by a car. She suffered a severe brain injury that put her into a coma. The pressure in her brain during that time was so tremendous, that doctors had little hope she would live. After 23 months, a miraculous day came when Barb woke up and spoke. Her family refused to give up hope and prayed daily for a miracle, which they received. After the accident, Barb worked hard to gain back her independence and lived in Cedar Falls until moving closer to family.

In her spare time, Barb enjoyed dancing and playing cards. She enjoyed visits from family and friends. Barb was often calling friends and family to check in and say hi. Family was especially important to Barb. She was an amazing grandma and arranged visits with her grandchildren as often as possible. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Benjamin (Rachel) Nieland of Fonda, Iowa; Belinda Smith of Laurens, Iowa; grandchildren: Ethan, Emmi and Brookelyn Johnson of Laurens, Iowa; Benson, Vivian and Willis Nieland of Fonda, Iowa; parents: Willis and Darnell Ripke of Storm Lake, Iowa; brothers: Bradley (Beth Johnson) Ripke of Newell, Iowa; David Ripke of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Curtis (Sandy) Ripke of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin; sister, Karla (Jack) Vanderhoff of Newell, Iowa; nephews; nieces; cousins; extended family and many friends.

Barbara was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Walter and Marie Ripke; maternal grandparents, Herluf and Vivian Pedersen; and uncle, Art McWilliams.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Storm Lake, IA 50588
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Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church -- Newell
314 South Clark
Newell, IA 50568

Tribute Wall



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



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 24, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Recording*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 27, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy & prayers go out to all of Barb's family & friends. I have so many good memories growing up with Barb and all the "shenanigans" we got into, she was a loving friend. I didn't get to see her very often after I moved away but always remember the good times we had, RIP Barb, you will be missed ❤️*

Rhonda Weitzel- Crandall - October 26, 2020 at 04:36 PM

LT

“ Barb was a wonderful women with a great smile and a joy to be around. She and I attended the same church in Carroll and she was often a part of our Tuesday night women's Bible study. Barb you are no longer in pain and no doubt you are dancing and singing with Jesus. Barb you will be missed but I will see you again in Heaven someday.

My condolences to your family.

LeAn Taylor - October 26, 2020 at 02:37 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Barb's family on her call Home. May God's Peace be with all of you.

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - October 26, 2020 at 12:33 PM

BW

“ Becky White lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Nieland



Becky White - October 26, 2020 at 09:04 AM

PH

“ My prayers and thoughts are with all the family and friends of Barb. She was my niece and I loved her dearly. She was a kind, fun loving and special person. She always made me feel so special with her enthusiastic greeting when I visited her. But not so special when she usually beat me at cribbage!!! I will miss her always. Pam Horne



Pamela Horne - October 25, 2020 at 04:22 PM

FH

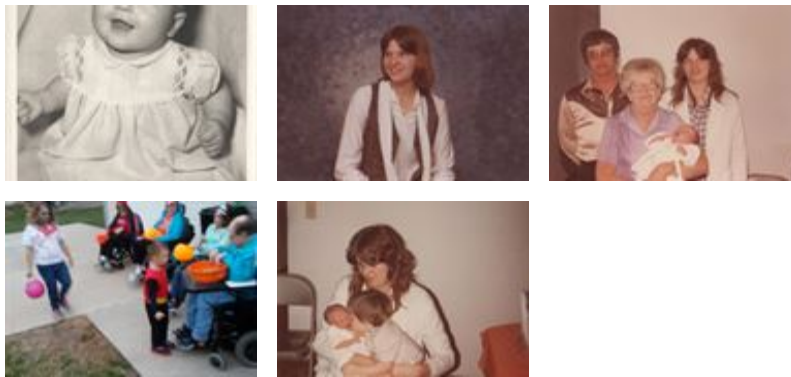
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - October 25, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ 250 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 24, 2020 at 05:12 PM

MJ

“ Mike & Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Nieland



Mike & Shelly Jensen - October 24, 2020 at 10:56 AM

AF

“ *Andrea McWilliams and family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Barbara L. Nieland.*



Andrea McWilliams and family - October 23, 2020 at 04:23 PM

PG

“ *I LIT A CANDLE IN MEMORY OF BARB NIELAND. PEACE TO ALL. MAY SHE RIP.
PATTY GUNVILLE*

PATTY GUNVILLE - October 23, 2020 at 04:01 PM

CH

“ *Carol Hansen lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Nieland*



Carol Hansen - October 23, 2020 at 03:46 PM

LR

“ *so sorry for your loss, I enjoyed working with Barb when she was at Hope Haven in Sibley iowa, she loved to joke with everyone and always talked about her family.*

Lori Reck - October 23, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ *Pink & White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Nieland.*



October 23, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ *Beth (Holmstrom) Fales and Family purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Barbara L. Nieland.*



Beth (Holmstrom) Fales and Family - October 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Barb now rests in the arms of Jesus. May He comfort those who mourn.*

From all of us who cherished our time with her when she was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran in Cedar Falls, we wish her family and friends the peace of Christ and the thankfulness for life everlasting.

Gregory Gerjerts - October 23, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *What a beautiful woman inside and out. Not only did I get to know a little bit about her at church, but she lived two doors down so I was able to see her every now and then. I'd take the dogs over and visit on occasion. She will be missed, without a doubt.*

Paula Behrens - October 22, 2020 at 04:03 PM

Terra Sheehan-Sievers

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



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - October 22, 2020 at 01:06 PM

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“ Terra Sheehan-Sievers sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara L. Nieland



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - October 22, 2020 at 01:06 PM

DS

“ Donna M Stanton lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Nieland



Donna M Stanton - October 22, 2020 at 08:59 AM

WR

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you at this time. I sure will miss our visits and phone calls. But will also remember all the wonderful memories. She truly was an inspiration to so many. Rest in peace Barb

William L Reis - October 22, 2020 at 08:39 AM

RW

“ *Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Nieland*



Ruth Westergaard - October 22, 2020 at 12:23 AM

JO

“ *Barb was an amazing person to work with. She was always smiling and happy to be around others. She had a soft spot for my family and I loved how much she cared. I am sure my husband was waiting with any family to welcome her at the gates with some cards to play.*

Jodi - October 21, 2020 at 11:48 PM

VS

“ *Vicki Sorbe lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Nieland*



Vicki Sorbe - October 21, 2020 at 10:43 PM

AH

“ *Barb. You were always a great person to visit with... You had lots of struggles after your accident..but with God's help you made it through...now you can rest in peace and have all your faculties with you..will miss you..Hug your Grandma for me!!!*



Arlo Hogrefe - October 21, 2020 at 10:28 PM

DE

“ *Duane And Eldona lit a candle in memory of
Barbara L. Nieland*



Duane and Eldona - October 21, 2020 at 09:39 PM