



Barbara Jean Wadle

May 14, 1955 - May 18, 2016

Barbara Wadle, 61, passed away peacefully after her courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at her home in Fonda.

Funeral Mass will be held Monday, May 23, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 4-8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. all at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. The Mahaney Funeral Home in Fonda is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara Jean was born May 14, 1955 in St. Louis, MO to Dominick and Mary Jean (Ricks) Alessi. She earned a degree at Clark College in Dubuque, IA where she met her husband Rick. The two were married August 7, 1976 and moved to Fonda, IA where they raised four children on their family farm.

Barb worked for Land O'Lakes in Fort Dodge, IA for 26 years as a computer analyst. After retiring, she enjoyed reading books, traveling with Rick and her friends, and being an active member in the church community. Above all else, she loved being Grandma Barb. There was no distance she wouldn't travel to see her grandkids in track meets, baseball games and dance recitals, to build blanket forts and go on scavenger hunts, to stroll the streets of Brooklyn, to read bedtime stories, and to give and receive the best hugs and kisses.

She is survived by her husband Rick Wadle, her four children and seven grandchildren: Kevin Wadle, Amy (Condon), Ben, Annabelle, Beau, Tait of Le Mars, IA; Melissa (Wadle) Boller, Jacob Boller, Dominick "Mickey" of Brooklyn, NY; Rachel (Wadle) Nieland, BJ Nieland, Benson and Vivian of Fonda, IA; Anthony Wadle and fiancé April Hauswirth of Fonda, IA, her mother Mary Jean Alessi, her four siblings Fred and Val Alessi, Paula and Michael Powers, Janet and Mark Lawder, John and Missy Alessi, sisters-in-law Julie Alessi, Faye Wadle, Sherry (Wadle) and Tom Loughran, as well as her numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dominick Alessi, brother Bill Alessi, grandparents Joseph and Sophie Alessi, William and Edith Ricks, in-laws Julian and Cecelia Wadle, Ron Wadle.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Vigil Service

MAY 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Service

MAY 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Interment

MAY 23 (CT)

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery
Fonda, IA 50540

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Jean Wadle*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 21, 2016 at 08:26 PM

CW

What a great video. Kevin and family, sorry to hear about your loss.

Chad Weinzetl - June 12, 2016 at 03:17 PM

TC

“ *Kevin and family, So very sorry for your loss. Teri Chaffin, Wells IT department.*

Teri Chaffin - May 23, 2016 at 06:30 AM

PG

“ *Our sympathy & prayers to the Wadle family. Peace to all,
Lary & Patty Gunville
Storm Lake, Iowa*



PATTY GUNVILLE - May 22, 2016 at 08:21 PM



“ *Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket was purchased for
the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.*



May 22, 2016 at 07:57 PM

BM

“ *Our love and condolences to Rick and the family.
May each one of you find comfort in knowing that she is no longer in pain and that heaven has gained a beautiful angel to watch down over you each and every day.
Our love*



Brenda Miller - May 22, 2016 at 04:45 PM

MH

“ *Rick & all the Kids and grandchildren,*

hoping a simple prayer that has helped ease many of us through sorrow filled times like these can help all of you also:

*God, grant us the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.*

We were all blessed to have such a wonderful Person as Barb touch our lives, wish I could find more of the words to express our sorrow and the tragic loss of our beautiful cousin.

we can only regret that time and distance has not allowed us to keep us as close as we desired.

I am certain all the St. Louis cousins share these feelings and thoughts

as great great taught us "may God bless and keep you" always and especially in these trying times

Love & Peace on YOU !

Mike Hibbeler - May 22, 2016 at 02:28 PM

LS

Sending prayers for all, we were gone to Steph's in MN, just got the news today. Sorry we were not here with you. God Bless you all.

Laura Schaffer - May 25, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.*



May 22, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.*



May 21, 2016 at 11:11 PM

JM

“ *Words can't express how much Barb's friendship has meant to us. God bless all who loved and miss her.
Jim & Rae*



Jim & Rae Miller - May 21, 2016 at 10:34 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - May 21, 2016 at 08:15 PM

RS

“ *Our prayers and thoughts to Rick and his family on Barb's call Home. We remember fondly our 1993 trip with Barb to Europe and the "joys" of those hikes up so many steep hills to see the castles in Germany! We are so honored to share in music Monday her beautiful life and journey Home. God's blessings and Peace to you all. Randy and Marilyn*

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - May 21, 2016 at 08:07 PM

KV

I fondly remember that 1993 trip as well. Traveling with 18 high school students was a bit daunting for me, but Barb took it all in stride and enjoyed every minute. I'll always remember her fierce intelligence and love for her family.

Kathleen Veit - May 22, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ *Eternal Grace was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.* ”



May 21, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.* ”



May 21, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.* ”



May 20, 2016 at 07:53 PM

YF

“ *Your Blu Family purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.* ”



Your Blu Family - May 20, 2016 at 04:45 PM

KF

“ Kelly Franck & family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.



Kelly Franck & family - May 20, 2016 at 11:00 AM

LH

“ Loughran's , Terrill's & Hagel's purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.



Loughran's , Terrill's & Hagel's - May 20, 2016 at 10:13 AM

ML

“ My deepest sympathy to your family. She will truly be missed by all. Cherish your memories, know that she is pain free now. Gods blessings to you.



Mary Lange - May 20, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.



May 19, 2016 at 09:25 PM

PK

“ Paul Kelly lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Wadle



Paul Kelly - May 19, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.*



May 19, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Wadle.*



May 19, 2016 at 04:57 PM

ES

“ *Barb was just like her daughter Mel: generous, kind, someone you could count on, practical, and down to earth. I loved how she supported all of Mel's theatre work through the years and how she supported Personal Space and all of its crazy undertakings. I loved the annual Wadle Christmas letter, which was always so genuine. That letter illustrated the Wadles' strong family values, and taught me something about how I want to raise my family. I remember that Barb came over for lunch one day shortly after I had given birth to my son Richard, and she was just such a mom through and through--I could feel her kindness and support even though Richard was not her own grandchild. I also remember going to the Prospect Park Zoo with her, Mel, Mickey, Rachel, Benson, and Richard. Three baby boys all seeing zoo animals for the first time in their lives! That was something really special. My heart goes out to all the Wadles.*

Emily Sproch - May 19, 2016 at 04:32 PM

BR

“ *BEV REIS lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Wadle*



BEV REIS - May 19, 2016 at 04:18 PM