



Elizabeth Ann Ohlund

October 11, 1936 - August 23, 2015

Elizabeth Ann “Betty Bunger” Ohlund passed away peacefully on August 23, 2015 following a courageous three and a half year battle with cancer.

Memorial services will be held at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home, 1615 West Milwaukee Avenue at 4:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 29, 2015 with dinner following. Guest/Family visitation will be held prior to funeral from 2:00-4:00 pm. Cremation was chosen.

The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to: Oncology at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center, 1525 West 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa 50588; Mr. Goodfellow at Pilot Tribune, 527 Cayuga Street, Storm Lake, Iowa 50588; or the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake at 211 East 3rd Street, Storm Lake, Iowa 50588.

Elizabeth Ann Ohlund was born October 11, 1936 in Anniston, Alabama to John and Ruth Bunger. She spent most of her youth in North Platte, Nebraska where she graduated from high school in 1954. Betty worked for two years in Estes Park, Colorado during high school summers and for one summer after starting college. She earned her elementary education teaching degree from Wayne State teacher's college in Nebraska. Betty met her husband Robert

(Bob) Ohlund while attending Wayne State and they were united in marriage on May 26, 1956. Together they were blessed with three children: Tamara, Gregory Gus and Barbara.

Betty taught in the elementary school system in Bloomfield and Tekamah, Nebraska before moving to Storm Lake in 1974. She worked a couple years at the canning factory when she first moved to Storm Lake, but then became the Executive Director of The Gingerbread House Child Development Center for 25 years before retiring in 2001.

Betty was founder and member of Buena Vista County Childcare Learning Network and a member of Buena Vista County Provider Association and Buena Vista Child Abuse Prevention Team. She also served on the State Day Care community for six years and on local boards for Community Education, Community Betterment and Early Childhood and Iowa Rural Development Council. Betty was a presenter at numerous local, state and regional Early Childhood workshops. She also retired in June of 2015 after serving many years as Storm Lake's chairperson for Mr. Goodfellow.

Betty loved children, teaching and supervising the operation of Gingerbread House and working with parents and the community. Most of all, Betty loved her family and grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and baking for her loved ones. Christmases at Lake Okoboji were wonderful family memories. She will be remembered as a loving, caring, hard-working mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many.

Betty will be cherished and her life celebrated by her children: Tammy and husband Dave Schwartz of Ankeny, Iowa; Gregory 'Gus' Ohlund and wife Lori of Denison; and Barbara Ohlund and husband Joe Monahan of Boone, Iowa; grandchildren, Bryan (Lindsey) Schwartz, daughter Ella, and son Landon of Ankeny; Todd (Amy) Schwartz and son, Tate of Grimes; Derek Schwartz at

University of Iowa and friend Sadie Christensen, Taylor Schwartz at Iowa State University; Grant Ohlund of Denison; and Dominic Monahan of Boone; her siblings Fran (Ed) Pacheco, Charles Bunger and Jeanne (Gregg) Harshbarger all of North Platte, Nebraska; sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Bunger of Yuma, Arizona and Sharrell Bunger of Tumwater, Washington; many nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brothers: Jack, Gary and Larry Eugene Bunger; and nephews Charles Pacheco and Gary Gene Bunger.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 27, 2015 at 03:57 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Funeral Home - August 28, 2015 at 04:40 PM

ST

“ *Tammy; So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. She was a wonderful lady. Sending thoughts and payers to you and your famil.*

Stacey

Stacey - August 28, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund.*



August 27, 2015 at 01:16 AM



“ *Betty was the one who saw the early childhood teacher that was in my sole. She knew me better than myself. She had the incredible ability to not only know children and how to reach them but her personal skills with adults and all humans were indescribable. She knew far more than we ever knew she knew as her staff and teachers. She knew how to motivate us by saying just the right words or lead by example and then turn on a dime and politic with the money makers to get the funds to run her business. Gingerbread House was hers and she was the life blood of that place. The work she did there has touched so many lives. I see it everyday in the children/adults whom she has worked with and touched as well as the second and third generations down of people and lives of those whom she worked with and impacted. I know for one thing I am a much better person and educator because of Betty. I can only hope to acquire a fraction of that much positive influence in the lives of so many.*

sara kreutz - August 26, 2015 at 09:52 PM



“ *Sara Kreutz lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund*



sara kreutz - August 26, 2015 at 09:31 PM

SK

I will never forget the day she took me into her office and coached me how to reach a troubled child. That changed my life forever!

sara kreutz - August 26, 2015 at 09:33 PM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund.



August 25, 2015 at 10:04 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your dear Mother. What a wonderful person she was and she touched the lives of so many children and their families. I remember Barbara telling stories of her life and all she accomplished. Sending my deepest sympathy to you all. Suana Wessendorf



Suana Wessendorf - August 25, 2015 at 10:02 PM

JS

“ Joanie Shevel lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund



Joanie Shevel - August 25, 2015 at 09:11 PM

JS

Betty's living legacy are the children she cared for at Gingerbread House. Her spirit lives on through the lives she touched.

Joanie Shevel - August 25, 2015 at 09:13 PM

SK

Not to mention all the teachers she taught how to reach children!

sara kreutz - August 26, 2015 at 09:30 PM

TM

From the stories I've heard Barbara share about her beautiful mom, she was indeed an inspiration to many people. She will be deeply missed! Wishing the Ohlund family peace and love in the days and weeks to come.

Toni Merfeld

Toni Merfeld - August 27, 2015 at 03:29 PM



“ *Heaven Woodgrain Music Box was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund.*



August 25, 2015 at 02:52 PM

KM

“ *Kit Munden lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund*



Kit Munden - August 25, 2015 at 02:10 PM

AK

“ *Adam And Angie Kutz lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund*



Adam and Angie Kutz - August 25, 2015 at 12:59 PM

RT

“ Betty was my mentor for over 38 years in my teaching career. She always had the interests of children with all that she did. Her love of young children and their needs shown throughout her accomplishments. She was a very special lady.

Roxanne Steig Tjaden - August 25, 2015 at 12:07 PM

RT

“ Roxanne Steig Tjaden lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund



Roxanne Steig Tjaden - August 25, 2015 at 12:03 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund.



August 25, 2015 at 08:25 AM

GN

“ What a woman! Thank you, Betty, for all that you did for children and families. You really knew your stuff and what a pioneer for community child care. You were a mentor for many of us. Gigi Nelson

Gigi Nelson - August 25, 2015 at 04:20 AM

BB

“ I just heard about Betty's death. I found her obituary and saw there was a place to share a memory. To her children, I hope you receive this. I am a 1954 classmate of Betty's at North Platte High. Betty was probably the best cheerleader ever. I was in the drum section in the band that played along with the cheerleaders in all their cheers. I met with Betty at our 50th class reunion. She was looking at the board that was set up showing all of the deceased members of our class. I went up to her and We spent at least a half hour talking about our deceased classmates. By chance, we wound up sitting next to each other at the main dinner. She was on my left and my wife was on my right. I noticed her hearing aid and we talked about the problems of getting old. During the meal I shared with her something that I always felt, but could never tell anyone. She had absolutely the best looking legs I had ever seen in my life. I had to look at them, and admire them while she was cheer leading with her short skirt at every game. We also talked about your dad who was an insurance adjuster, which was my profession for 40 years. We will miss her at any future class reunions, if we have any. I share your sorrows. Bob Baltzell.

Bob Baltzell - August 24, 2015 at 09:31 PM

JW

“ Betty was such an inspiration for so many women and young mothers. She was a gift to our community and we will miss her.

Jan Worthan - August 24, 2015 at 08:44 PM

DL

“ To the Family;
Our prayers and condolences to you all. May God's Grace and Blessing be with the family.

Dean & Linda

D & L - August 24, 2015 at 06:37 PM

AS

“ We're so sorry for your loss...
Thinking of you all, and sending our love...
Amy, Crystal, Brion, Dylan, Keegan & Kennedy

Amy Barrett and Crystal Stover - August 24, 2015 at 05:56 PM

SM

“ Sue Morrow lit a candle in memory of
Elizabeth Ann Ohlund



Sue Morrow - August 24, 2015 at 04:48 PM

SM

Betty gave so much to the children of this community. Storm Lake is a better place because she was here. Thank you to her family for sharing her with us.

Sue Morrow - August 24, 2015 at 04:51 PM

PG

“ PATTY GUNVILLE lit a candle in memory of
Elizabeth Ann Ohlund



PATTY GUNVILLE - August 24, 2015 at 04:05 PM

PM

“ Dear family,
Our prayers of condolences to you all. May God's grace be amazing to you.
Pastor Matt Miller

Pastor Matt Miller - August 24, 2015 at 03:40 PM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Ohlund



Lynn Snyder - August 24, 2015 at 03:18 PM

SY

Betty and I had lots of good visits...sorry to say, not recently, since we moved to South Dakota...but the memories are there of a lot of 'problems solved ;-)' and thoughtful discussions of lifeand children/grandchildren... She was a lovely Person!

Susan Jo Young - August 24, 2015 at 07:30 PM

RE

My condolences to Betty 's family. It is very sad to see a classmate move on to eternal life.

ramona Dale Einfalt - August 29, 2015 at 08:43 AM