



Marlene J. Erickson Barber

February 12, 1932 - July 5, 2022

Marlene Joanne Erickson Barber, age 90, passed away peacefully July 5, 2022.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta, Iowa. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the CHURCH. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Marlene was a long-time resident of Storm Lake, Iowa and Alta, Iowa prior to moving to Helena, Montana in 2018. Marlene was born February 12, 1932 to Thomas "Russell" and Alma (Lind) Erickson in Marathon, Iowa. Marlene was born and raised on the family farm in Marathon, Iowa. After graduating from high school Marlene attended Iowa State University and then finished her college degree at Buena Vista College.

Marlene married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Roger Charles Barber on June 19, 1953 at the United Methodist Church in Marathon. The couple was blessed with three children: Bonnie, Dean, and Jolene. Marlene loved adventurous family trips traveling numerous times to wherever there were mountains. She enjoyed short frequent trips to Martin's Access and Okoboji. She traveled to many National Parks. Some of her journeys took her

to Colorado, Washington D.C., Montana, Florida, Alaska, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and Europe to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play. Marlene will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her.

Marlene is survived by her children: Bonnie (Ralph) Lofthouse of Beavercreek, Ohio; Dean Barber of Alta, Iowa; Jolene Devine of Helena, Montana; four grandchildren: Lisa (Tracy) Lofthouse Pingleton of Beavercreek, Ohio; Casey (Erica) Lofthouse of Lima, Ohio; Lindsay Gehring of Helena, Montana; Samantha (Jake) Allen of Helena, Montana; seven great-grandchildren: Joseph, Owen, Addison, Olivia, Dahlia, Raeleigh and Oren; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Roger, parents, Alma and Russell Erickson, and recently by her only sibling, Stanley Erickson.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Summit Evangelical Free Church
1000 S. Main St.
Alta, IA 51002

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marlene J. Erickson Barber*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 03, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Recording*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 13, 2022 at 02:20 PM



“ *The Guerdet family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marlene J. Erickson Barber.*



The Guerdet family - August 12, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marlene J. Erickson Barber.*



August 11, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Marlene's death! We went to Buena Vista College and became good friends. For several years many of us would meet in Storm Lake to reminisce! I talked with her on the phone several months ago! My condolences to all of you! In Christian love, Joan Petersen*

Joan Petersen - July 09, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *I'm glad we got to talk one last time not too long ago! Thank you for being there for us as kids and later in life. We had fun times on the boat, going to that water park and riding mom's old banana seat bike around the block. Love you Grandma B. Sleep Well!*

Casey Lofthouse - July 08, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *Thank you for making Jello Jigglers with me as a kid, putting Noxema on my sunburn from going in Lake Okoboji and teaching me that chocolate was the superior candy. I love you Grandma and will be forever grateful for your sassy influence on my life. Sleep sweetly. See you again some day!*

Lisa Lofthouse - July 08, 2022 at 01:20 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Marlene J. Erickson Barber*



John/Connie Demers - July 08, 2022 at 07:51 AM