



Barbara Pettit

March 1, 1934 - April 8, 2017

Barbara Chesser Pettit, born March 1, 1934 in Ottumwa, Iowa to James and Claudia Clara Kendall Chesser went to her eternal resting place on April 8th, 2017. She graduated from Ottumwa schools in 1952 and later worked at the Wapello County Court House. She also attended beauty school to become a beautician. July 4th, 1952, she was united in marriage to Ronald Allen Pettit at the Alpine Church in Agency, Iowa. They lived in Ottumwa and had three children, Victoria, Tami and Michael, moving to Oskaloosa in 1963. After moving to Oskaloosa, Barbara worked at home caring for her family. She used her time and talents in organizations her kids were involved with as they grew up.

Barbara loved to travel with Ron. They experienced a life of great travels throughout the world. Tokyo and Morocco were her favorites and was always speaking of the culture and lifestyles as history was her passion.

They were members of the St. James Episcopal Church and was busy throughout the years volunteering for the many jobs needed there. Pancake Days was the big event of the year and she would always be busy in the kitchen making pancakes covered with flour, mixing the "secret recipe" kept in the church vault. She was a board member of the YMCA and volunteered for various organizations.

After retirement, they purchased a vacation home at the Lake of the Ozarks. This was such a great joy to her to have family there and enjoy all the togetherness of having fun on the lake. Fishing off the dock with her grandkids, watching them spend endless hours swimming, or the countless board games played. "Winner, winner chicken dinner!" There was no doubt her grandchildren were the love of her life. The joy they brought to her was obvious when she was with them.

Lewy Body and Parkinson's slowly took her away from us, taking her memories and ability to care for herself. Ron spent time caring for her at home, with love and compassion he kept her there as long as possible, but the burden was getting harder and she moved to Homestead Assisted Living and Memory Care and then to Oskaloosa Care Center. Ron

visited her every day with a kiss and good wishes, he later became too weak to make the visits and passed in September 2016.

She as a joyful, adventurous, loving lady. We will miss her surprise visits with food, flowers or a special gift. But most of all we will miss her smile, her hugs, and her never-ending love of us all.

She is survived by her children: Victoria Lee Pettit of West Des Moines, Tami Lynn (Jack) Rempe of Leighton, and Michael Allen Pettit of North Port, FL. Six grandchildren: Mackenzie (Toby) Hughes of Wes Des Moines, Nicholas (Nicole) Rempe of Bondurant, Tyler Rempe of Bondurant, Christopher Rempe of Pella, Hannah Pettit of Fenton, MO, and Logan Pettit of Highridge, MO. Five great grandchildren: Gracie Hughes, BeBe Hughes, Daltry Hughes, Elise Rempe and Rhett Rempe. One brother: James (Kara) Chesser, Jr. and a sister Beverly Grothe of Climax Springs, MO.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ron Pettit, her parents, a daughter-in-law Annette Pettit and a half-brother Carl Melvin Chesser

Memorial services will be held Friday, April 14, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with Reverend Terry Kleven officiating. Burial will be in the Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa at a later date. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Friday at noon until service time in the Bates Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to St. James Episcopal Altar Guild.

Cemetery

Forest Cemetery

634 North 9th Street

Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Comments



“ Dearest Vicki and family, ALL my memories of ALL of you involve lots of laughter, Pepsi and just having fun. Barb was always a part of it all. I loved her, I love you. I am sorry for the loss of this wonderful lady. Hugs and love to you all♡ Lynn

Lynn Hodgeman - April 14, 2017 at 09:49 AM



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Bates Funeral Chapel - April 13, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ Barb was a Huge part of my life at St James. The Church was much better with her than with out her. Prays to you Vicky and all. You Dad was also a great person and I enjoyed working for him.
Tom Walling.

tom walling - April 12, 2017 at 08:06 AM



“ Special childhood memories for me include Pepsi parties, Southern Iowa Speedway, and overnights at the Pettit home. Always felt loved by your parents. I'm thankful I was able to spend a little bit of time with both of them this past year at the care center before they entered their eternal home. Thinking of All of You With Sincere Sympathy...Love Jayne

Jayne Wake - April 11, 2017 at 05:46 AM



“ Sorry for your of your Mother Nothing is more precious then a Mother" s Love. Gary and I will everyone in our daily thoughts and prayers.

Delores Morgan Cundiff - April 10, 2017 at 04:22 PM



“ I'm alway's late, thank you for watching over me .May you rest in peace forever

dave grothe - December 09, 2019 at 06:01 AM