



Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke

March 25, 1929 - June 2, 2020

Marilyn Rose (Teet) Baethke 91, of Oskaloosa and of formerly of Keswick, died Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at the Northern Mahaska Care Center in Oskaloosa. She was born Monday, March 25, 1929, in the family home south of Deep River, Iowa, the daughter of Raymond and Mildred (Yearin) Cranston.

Teet started country school at the age of four. She was a Daddy's girl, a tomboy and a sister who enjoyed a "good smoke" of tobacco with her siblings while hiding out in the cornfield. In high school Teet played basketball, participated in school plays and loved to go to dances. Teet graduated from Thornburg High School in 1946, and soon found a job at the overall factory in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

On August 28, 1948, Teet married Elmer August (Tobe) Baethke at the Presbyterian Church in Sigourney, Iowa. Teet later joined the Lutheran faith. To this union one daughter was born, Toni.

In the early 60's Teet and her mother purchased the grocery store in Keswick, Iowa. It was there Teet found her calling to become an efficient business owner. In 1974, Teet wanted to purchase a small ice cream shop just to give kids a summer job. That business soon outgrew the building so Teet purchased a larger building, moved across the street and opened up Teet 'n Tobe's. As a leader, never a boss, Teet worked side by side with "her girls" putting Keswick on the map with delicious food while fulfilling her original goal – to give kids a job!

Teet had a great faith and relied on her Lord and Savior to help her on a daily basis. She possessed a rare quality of genuine concern and welfare of others. Teet was a kind and caring soul, one who always wanted to help.

Teet is survived by her daughter, Toni (Doran) Hull of Gibson, grandchildren: Heather Held, Ryan (Julie Corbett) Hull and Natalie (JD) Reed; great grandchildren: Corwin Hull, Spencer and Jacob Held, Simon and Hazel Reed, Victoria (David) Heady, Dayton, Tein

and Nashlynn; her siblings: Jessie June Hale, Ronald Cranston and Wayne (Linda) Cranston; along with many nieces and nephews.

Teet was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Tobe, brothers: Robert and Harlan Cranston.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, June 6, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with Pastor D.J. Danner officiating. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and reasonable personal protective equipment is advised for attending a religious public event. The funeral service will be live streamed at the funeral home's YouTube Channel for those wishing to support the family from a distance. Burial will follow services at Sorden Cemetery near Webster, Iowa. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Open visitation with a rolling limit of 10 in the building at any given time will begin on Friday after 2 p.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel until 7 p.m. Friday evening. Memorials may be made to the Marilyn Baethke Kindness Award to be established at Tri-County High School.

Cemetery

Sorden Cemetery

Webster, IA,

Events

JUN 5 Visitation - Open 02:00PM - 07:00PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

JUN 6 Funeral Service 10:30AM

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Comments



“ She was a wonderful lady and friend to all. Rest In Peace pretty lady. We will miss you. Love you Teet!

Sandra George - June 05, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



June 05, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ June 2nd was the day
Your grew your wings
And flew away
You are there
We are here
So in our hearts
We hold you dear
Until the day
We meet again
Goodbye Aunt Teet
You were our friend



Doug n Sandy - June 05, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ Toni and Doran...I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother touched many people including my heart while taking care of her while working in the long term care facility. Toni your mother did an amazing job raising such as spectacular daughter and she lives through you. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this extremely time.

Tamy Witt - June 05, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



June 05, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Toni, Doran & family- You already know that I loved your mom (grandma). Teet & Tobe were such awesome people! They both hold a very special place in my heart!! I am proud to say that I was a T-N-T girl! I worked there for about 7 years. I spent many hours with Marilyn over the years, but especially during my senior year- through the Tri-County (MOC) work program. She taught me how to do payroll, ordering, and everything about her job. I just loved it!! And I loved spending the time with her. I am very blessed, as I think I was about the only one that learned the 'business' part of things from her. I still have the opal necklace she gave me when I graduated from HS. I learned many valuable lessons about faith, life, hard work & cooking from Marilyn. She was a blessing in both my life & Deke's. I think Marilyn looked forward to Deke coming to eat supper with me late each night at Teet-N-Tobes, as much as I did. Know you're all in our thoughts & prayers!! Sending our deepest sympathy to you all! Love, Blessings & Hugs- Susie & Deke Wood

Susie Wood - June 03, 2020 at 11:20 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to all her family. I remember growing up in Keswick and walking up to the store for candy and Teet was always there with her big smile. She was always so sweet to everyone. She will be missed by lots of friends and family. God bless her.

Brad Strasser - June 03, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. Loved her smile and kindness to all

Cyndi (Axmear) Reding - June 03, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ June Cranston Hale, Harry & Tamara & families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



June Cranston Hale, Harry & Tamara & families - June 03, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ Toni, my condolences to you and the family. Your mother was such a wonderful person, and I feel so blessed to have known her, and I will never forget her. I know she was welcomed into Heaven with open arms.

Kimberly A. Beam - June 03, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ Your brother Ronald Cranston, nieces Sandy and Car purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



Your brother Ronald Cranston, nieces Sandy and Car - June 03, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ David C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



David C. - June 03, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ Please accept our sincere condolences. We did not know her well, but enjoyed meeting her and appreciated her hosting one of our annual Cranston Family Reunions, at her restaurant.

She was a sweet lady.

David and Linda Cranston, Grinnell, IA

David and Linda Cranston - June 03, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ My Parents lived in Barnes City and I live in So Calif. When I returned to Iowa to visit we always went to Teet N Tobes for tenderloins and ice cream and going more than once on my visits. I am so sorry for the family of Teet on your loss. Even though she has been taken from you, your memories together will be yours forever. May the Good Lord calm all the aching hearts today and always.
God Bless.

Pamela Jackson
Sherman Oaks, Ca

Pam Jackson - June 03, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Teet n Tobe was a couple I always looked up to when I spent time with grandparents Otto and Beulah Corrick. Always fun to listen with them. Rest in peace



Becky (Davis) Flanegan - June 03, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ She was always looking out for the kids in our family. Somewhat of a guardian you might say. Ready with a kind word and a hug when ever we were in town and came into Teet n Tobes for a malt. A kind woman that contributed so much the her community.

Michelle George - June 03, 2020 at 12:54 AM



“ She was such a sweetheart....always smiling when we went to T& T. It was wonderful place in such a small town. Food was great....and she was always working with everyone. May she RIP.

Kay Agnew

Mary K. Agnew - June 03, 2020 at 12:30 AM



“ Deb Duncan And Family lit a candle in memory of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke



Deb Duncan and family  - June 02, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



June 02, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ Love, Jo and Joe Feeney purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



Love, Jo and Joe Feeney - June 02, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Aunt Teet was one in a million. She touched so many lives and reading these tributes proves that. I loved going to Keswick growing up and taking my children to Teet N Tobe's while they were young. She had a way of making everyone feel like they were special and that is a God given gift she used very well. Her faith was so strong - a legacy that will live on in many she touched. My love & prayers to Toni, her grands, great grands and all the family members including aunts, uncles & cousins. Love being part of the Cranston family.

Tami (Hale) Miller - June 02, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ Always enjoyed going into the grocery store and seeing Marilyn. She was full of life and always had a smile on her face. May God bless you Toni and family. And may your mom have eternal peace now.

Jenny Ridenour Ellis - June 03, 2020 at 07:41 AM



“ Janet George purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



Janet George - June 02, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ Toni,
Your mother would always light up whenever we came back for a visit and a tenderloin. She will always have a place in my heart. Condolences from the Wyszczelski family.

Michael Wyszczelski

michael wyszczelski - June 02, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ When we first moved here from Holland we didn't have a car, their was a job opening in Kentucky, pipeline work, Ori Hubbel had an old car to sell and Marilyn loaned Gary the money,\$600 to buy car and go to Kentucky and work. We are very grateful for her believing in us. She also taught me how to make taco's, she had the shells but I didn't know what those were. So she explained how, I still make them like that. Thank you Marilyn.

Mary Fowlet - June 02, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



June 02, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ Your mom gave me my first job in Iowa when we moved here. She treated me like one of her "girls"

Diana Mandity - June 02, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful soul. She treated mom and all of us kids like family. She will be missed.

Elaine Stanley - June 02, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn (Teet) Rose Baethke.



June 02, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ Your mom and dad were such fun people! I enjoyed our visits when they were at Manor. Teet and Tobes always had great food and ice cream. So sorry Toni

Sheri Gann - June 02, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ Toni, very sorry for your loss. You mom was a great person. Even after I left Keswick, when I came home I would always make it a point to go to Teet and Tobes.

Barry Johnston - June 02, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear this she was such an amazing fun lady. Always loved your whole family. God Bless

Cindy Vermillion Bartlow - June 02, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Before working with Teet , I had a doll that I named after her that my grandma gave me .. I think I was around 4 or 5.. “My Marilyn doll. “I even looked up to this fabulous person before I discovered what really made her so unique. Many of us developed a work ethic that still remain because of her. She also was extra nice to my grandfather and made sure daily that she had his meal prepared at lunch time. My condolences to The Hulls and Teets family

Tara Walker (Dennis) - June 02, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ Teet's obituary summarizes her devotion to her family, faith, and "her girls" perfectly. I'm am thankful for the years that I was able to work with Teet and learn from her. Much of my work ethic and perseverance is attributed to my many years of working with Teet. I was honored when she asked me to come back and assist her during her surgeries and her cancer treatments. As I grew older and became a mother, I loved taking my children in to visit her, Toni, and Tobe. She will be greatly missed, as she impacted the lives of hundreds of youth in our community.
Melissa

Melissa Burdock Trumpold - June 02, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ Sending our condolences from Brian and I, and my daughter Nikki in Uk, who would only fly here on a Thursday so she could have Teets chicken on Friday for lunch. Thoughts love and prayers to Toni and family at this time. All our love Lani and Brian Shaull xxx

Lani Shaull, friend of the family - June 02, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Toni, so sorry for your loss. She was an amazing mother, we have many fond memories of her from the grocery store and Teet ‘n Tobes. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Jerry & Kathy White

kathy white - June 02, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ My condolences to the family. I ate at Teet & Tobes a lot when I worked for cps in Keswick .they had great food and great service ..Teet was a might fine lady RIP

Chuck Olson - June 02, 2020 at 05:00 PM