



Alice Jean (Hofstadter) Baruth

January 17, 1950 - March 26, 2025

Alice Jean (Hofstadter) Baruth, 75, of Albia, Iowa, peacefully passed on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa surrounded by loved ones.

Alice was born on January 17, 1950 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the fifth of nine children born to Louis Richard and Ella Carolyn (Frese) Hofstadter. She grew up in Waterloo, graduated from East High School, and married Larry Baruth on June 15, 1968 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Waterloo, Iowa. Alice and Larry had 56 years of marriage, and four children: Catherine, Stephanie, Jennifer, and William.

After obtaining her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and Human Services from Upper Iowa University, Alice worked in Substance Abuse and Prevention Counseling at Pathways Behavioral Services in Waterloo for many years. Upon retirement, Alice and Larry moved to Albia, Iowa to enjoy the quiet, rolling hills and open sky daily. Alice loved being outdoors, flower gardening, and bird watching. She loved animals and had a special place in her heart for all of the critters the Baruth household collected over the years.

Alice enjoyed playing games online, her favorites being Words With Friends, Hearts, Spades, and Scrabble. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, enjoyed watching The Big Bang Theory and various cooking shows on television. She

loved traveling, reading, and watching movies, had a huge heart, and was very generous. Family was everything to Alice, and she cherished the time she spent with everyone, but especially enjoyed her time with her five grandkids - Rory, Eiri, Echo, AJ, & Lizzie. She never tired of talking about how amazing they each were and how proud she was of them all.

Left to mourn her loss are Alice's husband Larry, children Cathy Baruth (Lon Pluckhahn), Stephanie (Eric) Salman, Jen (Bert) Keeler, Will Baruth, and godson Lon (Hallie) Kammeyer. Alice is also survived by her five grandchildren, her six siblings, Michael (Carol) Hofstadter, Tom (Janice) Hofstadter, Mary (Lon) Kammeyer, Laurie (Dean) Payne, John (Carol) Hofstadter, and Paul (Maura) Hofstadter, many nieces & nephews, several great nieces & nephews, cousins, and so many wonderful friends. Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Richard & Ella Hofstadter, sisters Carolyn Miller and Susan Johnson, and two brother in laws, Lee Baruth, and Jim Johnson.

Family will greet visitors & friends from 11am-noon on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Tharp Funeral Home, 116 Benton Avenue W, Albia, IA 52531, with a service immediately following at noon. Informal attire is encouraged. Those unable to attend in person are invited to watch the service on the funeral home's facebook page. In person guests are invited to a luncheon after the service at First Christian Church, 203 Washington Avenue E in Albia and burial is planned for approximately 2:30pm at Selection Cemetery in Monroe County.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to consider a donation to The Trevor Project. You can send donations care of the funeral home and the family will get them donated in Alice's name

Cemetery Details

Selection Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ Alice was a dear old friend, classmate, and neighbor. Our lives were all enriched for having known her. I send heartfelt condolences to all her family, friends and loved ones. Anne (Mager) Barrett

Anne Schoonover Barrett - April 02, 2025 at 11:54 AM

BD

“ Alice was a good friend of mine and all the Drewelows and Pates. Tom and Alice visited our childhood home often . It was like having a second set of brothers and sisters. My mom Ardith Pates were like Mother and daughter. Alice brother Tom had a 3 speed bike that just smoked all the bikes on Dawson and Leonard steet . Love you Alice and we'll see ya later. Bruce and Beth Drewelow

Bruce Drewelow - April 02, 2025 at 11:34 AM

SK

“ Being Steph's friend (lockermate for most of high school) I spent multiple overnights nights at the Baruth home...learning pool from Larry and many many things about life from Alice. In moving West (after school) Facebook has allowed me to follow all your lives and “antics” from afar. I've enjoyed seeing all your children grown and thrive.

Steph, I don't know when, but I promise you a day will come when you think of her and there will be NO tears, there will be only laughter.

As you know, both are happening now.

Blessings on you all. Godspeed Alice. ❤️

Shannan Kirchner-Holmes - April 02, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ Alice & I are “Irish” twins, both born in the same year! We spent lots of time together over the years & have wonderful memories! I will miss you so much! Peace to you Alice, love you.

Mary Kammeyer - April 01, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Alice Jean (Hofstadter) Baruth.



April 01, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ Troy, Tracy, Stacy, Pooh purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Alice Jean (Hofstadter) Baruth.



Troy, Tracy, Stacy, Pooh - April 01, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Alice Jean (Hofstadter) Baruth.



March 30, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alice Jean (Hofstadter) Baruth.

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“ Brian and Billie Payne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Alice Jean (Hofstadter) Baruth.



Brian and Billie Payne - March 29, 2025 at 06:03 PM



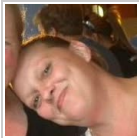
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LW

“ Alice has been my friend since attending East High School. She was a true friend and by that I mean it didn't matter how long it was between the times you saw her, you always could just pickup where you left off. As a true friend she would tell you what you needed to hear even if it wasn't what you wanted to hear. She and I were part of a group we called "Saturday Sisters" and we had monthly luncheons for many years before she and Larry moved to Albia. Those luncheons were filled with laughter and shared feelings and was often "therapy" for whom ever needed it. (At Christmas time we would allow the husbands to joijn us for an evening dinner and conversation). She was there for me during the most difficult times in my life and helped me to lighten the load to move on. Although we didn't see each other very much after she moved from Waterloo, she has been and always will be in my heart. Larry, I am so very sorry for you and your family's loss.

Linda Woock - March 29, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ So many memories of aunt Alice .I love you and will miss you always



Deanna Hofstadter - March 29, 2025 at 11:38 AM

HA

“ Alice was such a great friend way back when we were in school in Waterloo. We continued that friendship thru the years on Facebook. I was shocked and so sadden to see she had passed away. I send my deepest condolences to all of Alice's family. Jean Andres

Helen Andres - March 28, 2025 at 10:19 PM

JJ

“ We were going thru picture albums and so many of me of me at the Hofstadter house....taken by Alice....I love you Aunt Alice....I will miss you more than you will know...your in my thoughts Larry, Kathy, Stephanie, Jen and Will.

Jeff Johnson - March 28, 2025 at 10:05 PM

BH

“ Alice and I worked together at Ranch Wagon back in 1977-1979. We also attended church at Concordia. Alice was a special lady and will be missed. Brenda Johnson-Haar

Brenda Haar - March 28, 2025 at 09:11 PM

JH

I was blessed to be apart of this family! They are like my brother and sister we have a great family I ❤️ them all very much !

Janice Hofstadter - March 28, 2025 at 11:20 PM