



## Barbara "Denise" Dye

December 2, 1945 - January 8, 2025

Barbara "Denise" Dye, age 79, of Albia, IA, passed away on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at Unity Point Health-Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines, IA, surrounded by her loved ones.

Denise was born on December 2, 1945, in Philadelphia, PA, Earnest Marion and Barbara (Romp) Frye. She grew up attending school and graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1964. She later received an accounting degree from the American Institute of Business (AIB) in Des Moines. Denise married Jerry Lee Dye and to this union, 3 sons were born, Stephen, Richard, and Jamie. Denise and Jerry later divorced.

Denise was a bookkeeper at Baker's grain elevator in Albia. She later moved to Indianola and worked as a Financial Advisor at Principal in Des Moines. Upon moving back, Denise owned and operated Denise's Place in Lovilia for several years before going to work at Pella Corp.

Denise was very strong in her faith. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Albia and later a member of the Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene in Moravia. She was a generous person who loved helping Mary Sauter do the shopping for her Pay it Forward program. She enjoyed playing Bingo and was a huge fan of The Price is Right. Above all else, she loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

Denise is survived by her 3 sons, Stephen Dye, Richard “Rick” Dye, and Jamie (Alana Havenstrite) Dye; 3 grandchildren, Christopher, Samantha (Cody), and Amanda; 7 great grandchildren. Sophia, Ayden, Carter, Savanna, Kennedy, Rylee, and Everlee; her niece/caregiver, Wendy Beeson; and lifelong friends, Vivian Stafford, Sue Shroyer, and Mary Ann Freshwater. Denise is also survived by several other nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Earnest and Barbara Frye; a daughter-in-law, Laura Farris; and a nephew, Bryan Dye.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Denise’s family present to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Terry Chapman officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date at Union Chapel Cemetery in Albia.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JAN 14. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“Denise and I were friends from grade school on. I am so glad that I visited her not that long ago. As she always said as I was leaving, "Love You". Love you, too, my dear friend.

Dianne Senior - January 14, 2025 at 12:25 PM

SD

“Denise was my grandma, and truly one of the best! She was always someone I could count on, from the moment I was born. She never missed any important events in my life or her great grandkids. My only daughter Sophia Denise was proudly named after her, and she loved each of my children so very much. She was such an important person in my life, and many other's. We will forever miss you Grandma. ❤️

Samantha Dye - January 13, 2025 at 10:15 PM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara "Denise" Dye.

January 13, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara "Denise" Dye.



January 13, 2025 at 06:23 PM

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“ Sheila Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Denise" Dye



Sheila Shaffer - January 12, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara "Denise" Dye.



January 12, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ You were the best mom a boy / man could ever ask for. You made my day in a visiting room in Newton prison when you and Aunt Viv accepted Christ as your lord and savior. Even though I could never be prepared for the way life has changed now without you, I can rest assured that you are in Paradise with your loved ones and that one day we will see each other again. I love you Mom!



Stephen Dye - January 11, 2025 at 12:13 PM

SS

*I treasure the months I lived with you u helped me with my kids especially when girls were born couldn't of done it without you we had our ups and downs but I've always loved you always will u were the mom wen I needed one I'm glad amanda gave u my message u will be missed everyday fly high denise til we meet again*

Sheila Shaffer - January 12, 2025 at 10:56 PM

JL

“ Denise was the cousin of my husband, John Lott. I met her 50 years ago and was immediately welcomed in by her and her family. I saw her at John's funeral in 2023 after many, many years of not seeing her and knew it was her right away by her smile. Praying for comfort and peace for all of you.

Janet Lott - January 11, 2025 at 11:24 AM

PR

“ Denise was my first cousin. I spent a lot of time with her mom and dad and loved them all dearly! I'm so sorry for your loss. You will all be in my prayers.

penny reed - January 11, 2025 at 08:13 AM

AR

“ Ardys lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Denise" Dye

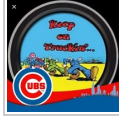


Ardys - January 10, 2025 at 05:50 PM

SA

“ Barbara and Ernie lived across the alley from my parents, Ed and Gerry. My nephew Todd used to play with the boys. Lots of memories from my old neighborhood. Denise was not just a neighbor but a friend. As I grew up Denise and I continued our friendship as adults. Boys, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. May your faith endure and be your the source of your strength and memories get you through the days.

Susan Ammons - January 10, 2025 at 03:17 PM



*Thank you so much susan! I know my mommy isn't heaven right now and I'm so happy for her*

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**Stephen Dye** - January 11, 2025 at 12:08 PM

NE

“ *So sorry fellas. I'll remember Denise in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

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**Nancy Allison Emerson** - January 10, 2025 at 01:03 PM