



## Barbara Jean Lovstuen

September 15, 1950 - October 15, 2022

Barbara Jean Lovstuen, age 72, of Albia, IA, passed away on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones, under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice.

Barb was born on September 15, 1950, at the Albia Hospital to Joseph Sr. and Marjorie (Phillips) Nucko. She grew up attending school in Albia and graduated with the class of 1968. On June 8, 1974, she was united in marriage to Kenny Lovstuen in Decorah, IA. Barb and Kenny shared 48 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Barb worked as a nurse's aide at the Albia Hospital and later at the Monroe County Hospital as the activity director. She was the Regional Director for Contempo Fashion for many years. She also owned and operated Memory Lane Antiques and tea room.

Barb was very talented and crocheted blankets for all of her grandchildren, whom she adored. She was an excellent baker and enjoyed baking cookies of all kinds, making each of her grandchildren's favorites, as well as delicious fudge that her children recall eating along with popcorn and apples on Sunday nights while watching Disney movies. She enjoyed playing card games of all kinds with her family and friends, as well as flower and vegetable gardening. She loved root beer barrels. Barb's true joy in life was spending time with her

family and she cherished all of the time she spent with them.

Barb is survived by her husband, Kenny Lovstuen; her children, Doug (Christy) Lovstuen, Jenny (Brandon) Denton, Brenda (Tim) Butler, and Heather (Dayle) Moeller; 14 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and 1 on the way; and her siblings, Pat (Joe) Angran and Eleanor (Richard) Hatfield. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Sr. and Marjorie Nucko and her brother, Joseph Nucko Jr.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Barb's family present to greet family and friends. Per Barb's wishes, her family requests that those in attendance dress casually.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Terry Chapman officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, an open memorial has been established to be determined at a later time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jean Lovstuen*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Barbara Jean Lovstuen*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *When I first met Barb and Kenny it 2006. As odd as is was I couldn't remember their names the first few times and Brenda told me just to remember Ken and Barbie. So from that point on I always called her Barbie. A few things I'll always remember are the times we'd go out to eat and I'm not sure of them menu or restaurant. One thing I could guarantee is that Barbie was getting lemons, lots of lemons and a pile of napkins! One thing I always wanted to tell Barb and Kenny is that I was very appreciative to the way they welcomed my kids into the family. Being a blended family is difficult and you would have never known our 5 children were any different. I love you Barbie and you will be missed.*

Tim Butler - October 22, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ *Ed MCGINN lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Lovstuen*



Ed MCGINN - October 17, 2022 at 08:01 PM

FT

“ From your HBPC Team purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Barbara Jean Lovstuen.



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**From your HBPC Team** - October 17, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Lovstuen.



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October 16, 2022 at 07:40 PM

MR

“ I knew Barb in grade school. She would come to our house to ride horses. We went on many a trail ride. She was precious. RIP Barb. Save me a horse for our trail ride in the sky.

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**Mary Roberts** - October 16, 2022 at 07:37 PM

MC

“ Max Cox lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Lovstuen



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**Max Cox** - October 16, 2022 at 02:46 PM

MM

“ *Mary Murphy lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara Jean Lovstuen*



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**Mary Murphy** - October 16, 2022 at 02:31 PM