



Barbara Shelquist

July 14, 1927 - April 10, 2022

Barbara Shelquist, 94, passed away April 10, 2022, at the home of her daughter in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Barbara was born on July 14, 1927, to Hugh and Louie Scott Gray in Albia, Iowa. She attended Halfway Prairie School and graduated from Albia High School at the age of 16 in 1944. Due to the war and the need for teachers, she started teaching at the age of 17 at Pleasant Point School and taught there two years.

She married Ivan D. Shelquist on March 23, 1946. Three children were born to this union: David Lee, Galin Dean, and Marilyn Louise. The family farmed north of Albia until 1963 when they purchased a farm near Moravia. Barbara worked at Ewers Shoe Store and at Johnson and Johnson's. In addition, she served on the Monroe County Extension Council and was a 4-H leader for many years. She attended Service Presbyterian Church, Moravia EUB Church, Joy Community Fellowship in Hot Springs, and was currently a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

In their younger years, Barbara and Ivan enjoyed square dancing. Barbara raised a bountiful vegetable garden each year and maintained flower gardens until in her 90's. She enjoyed tole painting and oil painting but found her true hobby in quilting. She was a member of the Albia Crazy Quilters, the Sewing Sisters in Moravia, and the Material Girlz Quilt Guild in Centerville. Barbara enjoyed watching game shows like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, and Family

Feud, as well as doing word puzzles. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Alaska, Hawaii, Nova Scotia, and San Francisco, and spending time in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan, on December 25, 1998; by her parents, Hugh and Louie Gray; by her in-laws, Harry and Mary Shelquist; by brothers-in-law George Shelquist, Harry Jr. Shelquist, Richard Shelquist, Carl Shelquist, and Paul Shelquist, by sister-in-law, Edna Shelquist Robinson, and by son-in-law Jimmie Rowley. She is survived by sons David of Moravia and Galin of Albia and daughter Marilyn Rowley of Hot Springs, South Dakota, as well as grandchildren: Tyler (Kourtni) Shelquist of Oskaloosa, Bobby Shelquist of Albia, and Molly (Andy) Mullen of Mystic, and step-grandson Christian Rowley of Chicago. She is also survived by great-grandchildren Jace, Grady, and Hattie of Oskaloosa; Gracie of Albia, and Callen and Freya (and one on the way!) of Mystic; and by two step-great-grandsons, Mikk and Zakk of Chicago. She is also survived by sisters Joann Ahn and Donna Kromray of Albia, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Barbara's family present from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow services at Service Chapel Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia or to Joy Community Fellowship in Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Cemetery Details

Service Chapel Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

APR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Shelquist*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Barbara Shelquist*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *We so enjoyed having her attend our choir rehearsals and performances with Marilyn in Hot Springs. She fit right in and became one of the gals. Barbara was a beautiful lady. Our sincere condolences to the family.*

Thoughts and prayers for comfort.

Carol Foster, Sandstone Singers.

Carol Foster - April 17, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ *I always looked forward to Barbara coming to visit Marilyn in Hot Springs every summer. She fit right in and was such a joy to be around at home, at church, and everywhere she went. When she moved to Hot Springs to stay the past couple of years she became even dearer to me personally and to our church, Joy Community Fellowship. We will miss her love, her smile, her wit, her jewels of wisdom shared with all who knew and enjoyed her friendship, as well as her talent for making beautiful quilts. We will be praying for you all as you celebrate a life well lived but also as you grieve the separation that must be endured for the time being. God bless you all during this time. Sincerely, Patricia Martin, Pastor's Wife and Friend, Joy Community Fellowship, Hot Springs, SD*

Patricia Martin - April 15, 2022 at 06:46 PM

MH

“ Please accept my sympathy for your loss of Barb. We know she is enjoying time now with her Heavenly Father. I so enjoyed her & the visits we shared when she lived with Marilyn in Hot Springs. We shared a love of quilting. She encouraged me so much! She was a lovely, fun person & I will miss her! Marilyn took such good care of her!

Mary Ann Hogue

Mary Ann Hogue - April 15, 2022 at 06:45 PM

SB

I'm sorry to hear about Barbara's passing. She was such a nice lady. Prayers for her family. Sheryl Bernard Briggs

Sheryl Briggs - April 16, 2022 at 01:51 PM

CT

I've known Barbara since i was a little girl when we moved into her neighborhood. I remember thinking she was the prettiest woman I knew! Her smile was beautiful, and she made yummy cookies! She and my mom (Byrle McCombs) worked together every summer freezing "tons" of sweet corn! She and Ivan were good neighbors. She was loved and will be missed.

Colleen McCombs Thomas - April 17, 2022 at 12:40 PM

EK

Marilyn, I am so sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed her coming into the shop and visiting with her. She made some amazing quilts. You were an amazing caretaker to her. Prayers for all of you.

Earleene Kellogg - April 18, 2022 at 01:15 PM