



Carolyn Josephine Brewer

September 21, 1947 - May 11, 2023

Carolyn Josephine Brewer, age 75, of Albia, IA, passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at her home.

Carolyn was born on September 21, 1947, in Albia, IA, to John Calvin and Marie (Smith) Brown. She grew up and attended school in Albia. Carolyn worked on the assembly line at Pella Corp. building doors for over 20 years. She then went to work as a seamstress at DeLongs in Albia before owning and operating Carolyn's Quilts where she made and sold quilts, as well as donated them to charitable events. In 1986, she was united in marriage to Richard Brewer in Knoxville, IA.

Carolyn was a member of the Lovilia Community Church. She enjoyed reading and doing puzzle books, but her passion was quilting. Carolyn was a people person. Her love of visiting with others made delivering meals for the legion a true joy for her. Above all else, Carolyn enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Richard Brewer; 3 children, Todd (Suzanne) Briggs, Mary Kovacevich, and Margaret (Mitch) Schulze; 8 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and 6 siblings, Barb, Bertha, Bud, Linda, Kathy, and Margaret. Carolyn is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, John and Marie Brown; a son, Mike Briggs; a grandson, Matthew Grimes; and a sister, Evelyn Orwig.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Carolyn's family present throughout to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia. Following the funeral service, a luncheon will be held at the American Legion in Albia prior to the burial at Columbia Cemetery in Columbia, IA.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Cemetery Details

Columbia Cemetery

Columbia, IA 50057

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Thank u Carolyn for being a great friend to my parents, Laura and David Kelley. Thank you for sharing your love of quilting with me and my daughter, Ashlee Olson. It is an art that will go on for years to come and that will be shared with the next generation

Sandra Olson - May 14, 2023 at 07:01 PM

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“ This lady took me everywhere from the moment I was born. She taught me so many things and my life was better because she was in it. She never treated me different than any of her other grandkids and I never realized how much that meant. I have so may great memories. She even came to see my babies being born and I know that was special for her, as well as me. I wish I had spent more time with her this past year, but I know we had a special bond that time or distance never broke.....Love you Grandma Carolyn!
Thinking of all her family members that lost a good one. She would have done and always did do anything for anyone that asked!

Heather Kautz - May 14, 2023 at 05:27 PM

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“ Saddened to hear of Carolyn's passing. She had a special place in our family's lives for 40 plus years. Lots of fond memories.
Condolences to Todd, Mary and Margaret and extended family.
Michele Fenton

Michele Fenton - May 14, 2023 at 04:58 PM