



Barbara A. Starbeck

June 1, 1936 - December 11, 2021

CEDAR FALLS-Barbara Ann Starbeck, 85, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, December 11, 2021, at her son's home in Clear Lake.

She was born June 1, 1936, in Gladbrook, Iowa, the daughter of Robert L. and Alma (Kroeger) Taylor.

She graduated from the Iowa State Teachers College Laboratory School in 1954 and continued to attend

Pitzi's beauty school to earn her beauty license. On August 31, 1957, she married Robert J. Starbeck,

beginning a 50-year marriage until his passing in 2007. Together they raised four lively, and often mischievous, sons.

Barb was creative and found endless outlets to express this through crafting, ceramics and refinishing

beautiful furniture. Most notable she even had an impressive knack for hanging wallpaper which could

be found in many homes throughout the Cedar Valley. She was known for her approachability and

humor which fostered endless friendships and laughs throughout the years.

Her home was always open

for a delicious dinner along with spirited conversation. You could also find

Barb on the back of Bob's

Shriner motorcycle participating in a countless number of parades across Iowa. Over the years Bob and Barb combined their skills remodeling and restoring at some point each of the boy's many homes. As time passed, Barb eagerly welcomed 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren into her family. She spent hours caring and playing with them. Barb spent countless hours exploring with them; from the shopping mall to the creek often losing them but calling them in with that ever so loud whistle we all knew too well.

Survived by: four sons, Jeffery (Cindy), Scot (Suzanne), and Gregory (Julie) Starbeck, of Cedar Falls and

Michael (Lexa) Starbeck of Clear Lake; eleven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two brothers, Bob

(Jane) Taylor of Marshalltown and Bruce (Mary) Taylor of Marion; and Mary Bozarth of Mountain View,

CA. Preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Alex Starbeck; brother, Don "Bones" Taylor and brother-in-law, Joe Bozarth.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 22, 2022, at Prairie Lakes Church in Cedar Falls

with a luncheon to follow at Starbeck's Smokehouse.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prairie Lakes Church
1907 Viking Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-2655
<http://www.prairielakeschurch.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Our Sympathy to the Starbeck Boys on the loss of your Mom. Your family always lived in our neighborhood and you and our children grew up together. Barb was into the Boy Scouts and Judy was a helper. We have many memories of The Scout activities and Easter Egg hunts in your back yard. We also were involved with the Shrine Club and Parades. Barb will be missed. Dennis & Judy Christensen*

Dennis & Judy Christensen - January 21, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara A. Starbeck.*



January 21, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Barbara A. Starbeck.*



January 20, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara A. Starbeck.*



January 20, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *I send my sympathy to the family of Barb... I knew her and her siblings as we went to the Campus School! My more recent memory of her is when I was invited to come see her in her home so we could visit about the mementoes I had from past years (items that I passed on to I Grew Up in Cedar Falls). Lots of memories were shared during those times! I know she will be missed. Alice Bunnell Janssen*

Alice Janssen - January 20, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ *Barb & Bob, always there to help others. One very heavy rain brought water to our basement. After work as Santha & I were pulling carpet, etc, Barb & Bob pulled up and spent hours helping us. Just one of many examples of how two wonderful people shared their time & talent. Peace Barb. Cheers to Bob.*

Santha & Jim - January 19, 2022 at 07:39 PM

JD

“ Hello Jeff, Scot, Greg and Mike and families --

My memories of you and your parents are many. Both Jerry (deceased husband) and I enjoyed the time we spent with your parents. Bob and Jerry were both sports enthusiasts and enjoyed sharing stories. I oftened wondered if some might have been more like "fish stories." Their laughter still rings in my head.

Barb saved my marriage four times. After once trying to wallpaper together, Jerry suggested I not participate. When your Mom came to help Jerry, she suggested that he could go play golf and she would do the wallpapering!!

Barb's laughter!! When holding parent-teacher conferences with her at PLS, she would just shake her head at the stories I would tell. How she loved you all.

May all the memories you share help as you feel the loss.

*Joan Duea
Elementary teacher, PLS*

Joan Duea - January 19, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Barbara A. Starbeck.



January 19, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara A. Starbeck.*



January 17, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara A. Starbeck.*



January 17, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *We dearly miss all the time that we had with Bob and Barb. They were a great pair and will be truly missed.*

Carl@Carol Ellison - January 17, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ *Barb & Bob, what a dynamic couple. Great friends, always ready to help, always ready smile & share a laugh. We in Cedar Falls are all blessed to have had them in our lives. Santha & Jim*

Jim Kerns - December 19, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of a beautiful & funny lady! Barb & Bob were friends of our family for many years. Lots of love & prayers for your family as you process this difficult time. Kathy (Weber Clark) Shook

Kathy Shook - December 16, 2021 at 05:17 PM

CC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family in time of grief. I wish you all peace and comfort. Cindra Cellini



Cindra Cellini - December 16, 2021 at 02:13 PM

DB

“ Jeff,
So sorry for your loss.
AAA Drain Doctor

Dan Bush - December 16, 2021 at 12:24 PM

DB

“ Jeff and family, So sorry to hear of Barb's passing. She was a great lady.
Dan Bush

Dan Bush - December 16, 2021 at 12:22 PM

KC

“ So very sorry... loved Barb!
The first time I met her I went to my parents basement bar...there was a lady passed out facing the wall on the floor... I asked who it was... They all said oh - that's Barb Starbeck- she was tired and decided to take a nap...Barb woke up a while later and re-joined the party...
She also did a lot of wall papering for me over the years and got me started stripping the beautiful oak woodwork in my old house - it turned out beautifully....
She'll be missed by many...

Kim Casey - December 15, 2021 at 10:40 AM

PF

What a worker. When the wonderful old "Merner house" on Clay St needed some updating she volunteered to hang wallpaper. The living room and entry/staircase were huge and high. She commented that the longest strip of wallpaper was 19' long. But she did the whole thing and it was fabulous.
Paul Frederiksen

Paul Frederiksen - December 30, 2021 at 04:32 PM

CC

“ Did anyone else get a condolences card from Barb and Mary when you got married? I can still see the two of them standing together giggling like little girls.

Chris Conrad - December 15, 2021 at 09:29 AM

MH

“ My condolences to the Starbeck family. Barb was like a second mother to her sons' friends. Their house was always open and I spent many hours talking with her and Bob. She will be missed!

Mike Hayes - December 15, 2021 at 06:19 AM

SG

“ My deepest sympathy to the Starbeck family! I feel like I have lost a friend. Barb was always so kind to me! She made sure that I was invited to all the Starbeck graduations so I could spend time with Bob and Jane. This past spring, Barb and I rode with Scot and Suzanne to Hannah's graduation party in Marshalltown. The four of us had such a good visit going and coming! Barb is going to be missed by all!

Sue Green - December 14, 2021 at 10:37 PM

LH

We were so sorry to hear about Barb - what a wonderful person. She wallpapered for us several years ago. She did an excellent job and was an absolute delight to visit with. She will be sincerely missed.

Leonard and Sherry Hammer - December 21, 2021 at 02:12 PM

SS

So sorry to hear of Barb's passing - what great friends we were through the years at the Campus School. She was such great fun - always a ready smile. Our slumber parties were momentous. You will be missed dear Barb!

Sandi Lewis Suddaby, Sarasota FL

Sandi Suddaby - January 17, 2022 at 10:16 AM