



Merelyn Harberts

October 17, 1926 - October 14, 2025

Merelyn Lucile Harberts, 98, of Hudson, died on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at MercyOne Waterloo Medical Center.

She was born on October 17, 1926, in Lynnville, Iowa, the daughter of Harvey and Dorothy (White) Carter. On August 28, 1945, she was united in marriage to Russell Harberts in Holland, Iowa. She received her LPN from the Allen School of Nursing and worked in Dr. Hansen's and Mitchell's offices in Waterloo, as well as Medical Associates in Cedar Falls.

She and Russell loved to travel and once she got interested in genealogy, they traveled to Germany to trace Russell's family and put together a great presentation for his family. In later years, she and Lee Ann went to Ireland where she followed her own family and gathered some great history on her own kin. (She ALWAYS looked forward to Saint Patrick's Day... Erin Go Bragh!)

Merelyn spent her spare time knitting, crocheting, reading (James Patterson), and loved doing Celebrity Cipher and Cryptoquip puzzles... ever interested in keeping her mind engaged.

Merelyn is survived by her daughter, Lee Ann (Donald) Gutknecht of Grimes and their children, Jeffrey (Janice), Kevin, Elizabeth (Daran), and Stephanie;

granddaughter, Shelley (Ken) Fogt, Bruce's daughter, of Reinbeck; daughter Jean (Mark Pinkerton) Polk of Kerrville, TX, and her daughter, Jamie (Mario); son, Mark (Rose) Harberts) of Elgin, IA, and their children, Jeremiah (Bethany) and Jenny (Daren); twenty great-grandchildren, and seventeen great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russel; daughter, Rosemary; son, Bruce; two great-grandsons, Noah and Riley; her siblings, Colleen, Jack, and Roberta.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at Trinity Bible Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. Monday, October 20th at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Burial will be at Colfax Center Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Holland.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity Bible Church.

Cemetery Details

Colfax Center Presbyterian Church Cemetery

18935 K Ave
Holland, IA 50642

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Trinity Bible Church
125 Orchard Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 277-1377
<http://cedarfallstrinity.org>

Tribute Wall

NR

“ I worked with Merelyn at Medical Associates in the late 90’s—2000. She was a top notch nurse, beloved by patients, doctors, and co-workers. She taught me a lot about staying calm in the storm, as she was never frazzled . Merelyn lived her love for God and family and will always be remembered for her goodness. Nancy Rigel, RN

Nancy Rigel - October 20, 2025 at 03:41 PM

WH

“ Sorry to hear about Merelyn's passing. I don't recall much from this side of the family so long ago. My father was Edgar, son of George. My brother, Robert, recently visited Merelyn on September 26, and took this photo to share.



William Harberts - October 19, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merelyn Harberts.



October 17, 2025 at 09:21 PM

WN

“ With love - Kathy, Alison, Lexi and Nick purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Merelyn Harberts.



With love - Kathy, Alison, Lexi and Nick - October 16, 2025 at 09:21 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear of my half sisters passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. God Bless

Judith Carter - October 16, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merelyn Harberts.



October 16, 2025 at 10:44 AM

JG

“ Judy and Joe Granier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merelyn Harberts.

Judy and Joe Granier - October 16, 2025 at 10:44 AM

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“ She was my aunt. My mom Georgia Blair(still living) and her brother George Carolus (deceased) were here siblings. When my grandma Dorothy was pregnant with my mom aunt Merelyn was pregnant too. My aunt was a beautiful lady when I would stay with my grandma for the summer my aunt and uncle would come would come over and visit. Rest In Peace Aunt Merelyn. My prayers go out to her children and all that knew her.

Lynda Blair (niece) - October 16, 2025 at 10:14 AM