

Barbara Louise Babbitt of Shenandoah, formerly of Des Moines, was born to John and Mary (King) Boker on February 16, 1927, in Clare, Iowa. She was raised on a farm and rode the bus each day to school in Burnside. She graduated with the class of 1944, then attended Tobin Business College in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

In 1952, after holding a variety of jobs, she married Donald Bruce Babbitt. The couple made their home in south Des Moines Iowa, where Stephen and Cathy were born. Barbara was a devoted wife and attentive mother. During the child rearing years she and her family kept busy with school and church activities. She was quiet and disciplined, and most Saturdays could be found baking pies, cakes, or cookies for Sunday dinner. She was an accomplished pianist, and made sure that Steve and Cathy took music lessons. She enjoyed attending Steve's accordion recitals and concerts, and gave Cathy much help with her organ lessons. Barbara was a Campfire Girls Club leader for Cathy, and a little league baseball mom for Steve.

She was a talented seamstress and made beautiful clothing for her children. Barbara "endured" countless family camping trips in rain-soaked tents. Some travels took them on adventures as far away as Michigan, New York State, and Canada. When she reentered the work force Barbara was employed by the state of Iowa in the Revenue Department until her retirement in 2000.

She was a member of First Federated Church and took pleasure in attending their many music programs and concerts. She enjoyed reading, and going to matinee movies, but was most fond of spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

In 2013 Barbara moved to Shenandoah after injuries which resulted in hospitalization and further nursing care. Before the COVID-19 lockdown, Barbara was able to receive visitors at Elm Heights Care Center. One heart-to-heart visit with godly women resulted in Barbara placing her faith and trust in Jesus as her Savior.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two sisters; and her brother. She is survived by her two children, Steve Babbitt, and Cathy (Neal) Peterson, all of Shenandoah; two grandchildren, Megan (Ben) Bearman of Omaha, and Abby (Yarden) Medeiros of Council Bluffs; great grandchildren, Graham, Hazel, Odin, and Florence Medeiros of Council Bluffs, and Sidney Bearman of Omaha; other relatives and friends.

Barbara L. Babbitt

February 16, 1927 ~ September 3, 2021

94 years, 6 months, 17 days

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Rose Hill Cemetery

Shenandoah, Iowa

Reverend Don Buttry ~ Officiant

Songs of Comfort

Marcia Barnett & Janet Gilbert

The Lord's Prayer

Come To Jesus

Congregational Music

Jesus Loves Me

In The Garden

Bearers

Steve Babbitt

Megan Bearman Ben Bearman

Abby Medeiros Yarden Medeiros

Place of Rest

Rose Hill Cemetery

Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorials

Barbara Babbitt Memorial Fund

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23



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