

Barbara Kay Paul



Aug. 17, 1938-Jan. 14, 2025

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A funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Lynnville Friends Church with Pastor Jamie Bogaard officiating. Interment followed at Friends Cemetery in Lynnville.

Memorials may be designated to the Lynnville Friends Church and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Barb's family online at www.smithfh.com.

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On June 25, 1957, Barbara married Robert Paul in Lynnville, and their union was blessed with a son, Jeffrey. Together, they made their home in Lynnville, where Barbara owned and operated the Lynnville Beauty Shop for many years. Her clients, some of whom drove long distances, appreciated her exceptional skill and warm, personal touch.

After Robert's passing in 1986, Barbara continued to live in Lynnville, later dedicating herself as a caregiver to others. She was a lifelong and faithful member of the Lynnville Friends Church, where she found great joy in singing.

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Barb is survived by her son, Jeff (Pam) Paul of Grinnell; granddaughter, Mandy Paul of Searsboro, and her children, Kaylin and Gage Lang; her brother, Dennis (Tricia) Evans of Newton; her nephews, Scott, Eric, and Josh Evans; her great nephews, Jensen, Koby, and Tristan Evans; and her step-children, Marilyn Elscott Williams, Roger Elscott, and Maxine Elscott Van Wyk. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert; her grandson, Randall Paul; and her brother, Dale Evans

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Barb's family received friends at the visitation held from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Monday, January 20, 2025 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

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