



Barbara Kay Nickson

January 14, 1959 - April 05, 2024

Barbara “Barb” Kay (Stille) Nickson, 65, died Friday, April 5, 2024 peacefully at her home in rural Lake Mills, Iowa.

Barb was born on January 14, 1959 in Britt, Iowa to Gerald “Jerry” and Marlys (Steenhard) Stille. She grew up in LuVerne, Iowa before transplanting to Lake Mills where she graduated high school in 1977 and lived the remainder of her life.

On March 30, 1985, she was wed to Lee Jay Nickson at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. Lee joined Barb and her two daughters Brook Kelly and Toni Lynn and later together, Lee and Barb, had a son, Brett Gerald.

Barb worked many years at Fleetguard Filtration, before joining forces with her husband Lee in the NAPA Auto Parts business in Lake Mills. Together they owned and ran NAPA for 35 years. They fully retired in 2023.

Barb loved her children and grandchildren. She supported them in all activities from the crowd with a smile you could see for miles. Her love and support was infectious. She was kind, humble, and an example of perseverance. Her most recent greatest memory is dancing with Brett at his wedding and inviting Alex to the family in October.

Barb loved colorful flowers, birds and bird feeders, gardening with her parents, and her dog, Bubba. Lee and Barb enjoyed motorcycling and atv-ing, hosting family and friends in the Big Red Barn, and spending time at their house in Texas, where they were fortunate enough to visit one last time in February and March. Barb was also a crafter that was always looking forward to a new project to create.

Lee loved Barb through sickness and in health. Barb and Lee built a beautiful life and family together. Many people have witnessed the devotion between the two. They were truly soulmates in every way. They brought a balance to each other's lives. Barb was the social one and Lee was the man of funny one liners. Lee could be the handy man while Barb was the crafty. They flourished on being what the other needed in all aspects of what life brought to them.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Lee Nickson; mother Marlys Stille, Lake Mills; daughters Brook (Mathew) Christianson, Lake Mills, Toni (Jared) Nicol, Johnston, IA; son Brett (Alex) Nickson, Lake Mills; grandchildren Kit, Dottie, and Betsy Byars, Lake Mills; Jate, Sadie, and Audrey Nicol, Johnston, IA; sister Denise (Tim) Korn, Linn Valley, KS; brother-in-law Ken (Darcy) Nickson; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Barb is preceded in death by her father Jerry Stille; brother Rodney Stille; a nephew Dillin Nickson; parents-in-law Robert and Mildred Nickson; brother-in-law Jerry Nickson; sister-in-law JoAnn Mildred Nickson; and her grandparents, aunts, and uncles.

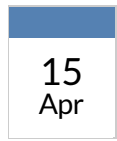
Memorial visitation will be on Sunday, **April 14**, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel, 902 E. Main St. in Lake Mills, and will continue one hour before the service at church on Monday.

A memorial service for Barb will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, **April 15, 2024** at Salem Lutheran Church, 401 S. Lake St. in Lake Mills with Mr. Kermit Singelstad officiating.

Burial of her ashes will take place at a later date.

Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel has been entrusted to care for Barb and her family.

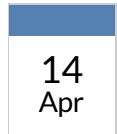
Events



MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM

Salem Lutheran
Church 401 South
Lake Street, Lake Mills,
IA 50450



VISITATION

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Mittelstadt Funeral
Home 902 East Main
St., Lake Mills, IA
50450 Visitation will
continue Monday from
10:00-11:00 AM at
Salem Lutheran
Church
