



## Valeda Faye Abbey

April 17, 1934 - May 25, 2020

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Valeda Faye Abbey, age 86, of Joice, died on Monday, May 25, 2020, at the MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City, Iowa.

Memorial Services will be held 2:00 P.M., Friday, May 29, 2020 at the Schott Funeral Chapel, 505 North Clark St., Forest City with Pastor Randy Baldwin officiating. Services will be livestreamed on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Burial of cremains will be held in Ellington Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Valeda Abbey memorial fund in care of the family.

Valeda Faye (Ohlmann) Abbey was born on April 17, 1934, on a farm near Ravenna, Nebraska, to parents Reinhold and Ethel (Shrader) Ohlmann. She was the oldest of four children. Valeda was baptized on May 13, 1934 in Nebraska. She was confirmed on March 21, 1948, at Zion Lutheran Church in Thompson, Iowa.

Valeda served as a pianist for church and Sunday school at Zion Lutheran Church.

Valeda attended various schools in Nebraska and Iowa and graduated in 1951 from Thompson High School. After high school, she worked for the Winnebago REA/RTA under Glenn Bergland and was the first billing clerk for the RTA. She married Gene Abbey on December 18, 1955, at Zion Lutheran Church in Thompson and moved to the farm in rural Joice, where she made her home for the rest of her life. Gene and Valeda had two children: Carol and John.

Valeda spent much of her time as a mother and farm wife. She also enjoyed embroidery, gardening, baking, and watching sports. She was a detailed bookkeeper. After Gene retired from farming, Valeda worked at 3M, made lefse for Dixie Rauk, and delivered Winnebago motorhomes with Gene. She volunteered her time to help with numerous civic, school, and church activities, especially Mission Quilters at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills, where she was a member.

Valeda is survived by her daughter, Carol Abbey of Lake Mills; her four grandchildren, Allison (James) Long of Findlay, Ohio; Erica Klipping of Parker, Colorado; Scott (Sophia) Abbey of Scarville; and Drake Abbey of Lake Mills; her five great-grandchildren, Ella, Braden, Owen, Violet, and Ada; her sister, Rosetta Bidne; her two brothers, Gary (Karen) Ohlmann and Roy (Beverly) Ohlmann; her sister-in-law, Wilma Lampman; her special family, Darla (Brad) Evenson, Amelia Evenson, and Hannah Evenson; and her many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband of nearly 50 years, Gene (2005); her son, John (1994); and her sister-in-law Marjorie McKee.

## Cemetery

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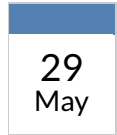


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CEMETERY**

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## Events

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
2:00 PM

Schott Funeral Home  
505 North Clark Street,  
Forest City, IA 50436  
Services will be  
livestreamed on funeral  
home's Facebook page.

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## Rosetta Bidne

My dear sister had a beautiful handwriting. Her embroidery work was also so good one could hardly tell the front from the back. We shared many memories of our growing up years via the telephone. I will dearly miss her.

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## Tiffany Bidne

Dearest Family, I am sending all my sympathy to you. Valeda was a lovely lady who will be missed. -Tiffany Bidne



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was lit in memory of Valeda Faye Abbey

 [Light a candle](#)

*Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance*

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## Pamela Kramer

Sweetest grandmother ??

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