

Barbara L. Bloom, age 73, of Albert City, Iowa died Sunday, May 31, 2020 at Pleasant View Home in Albert City.

Barbara Lynn Olson was born April 1, 1947 in Moline, Illinois, the daughter of Stanley and Verle (Ramsden) Olson. She grew up in Moline, attending First Evangelical Free Church and accepting Jesus Christ as her personal savior at a young age. Her steadfast faith was an important part of her whole life. Her childhood was filled with fond memories of playing golf, taking family trips to the Evangelical Free Church national conferences, and attending summer church camp. Her family was very close and her siblings and cousins were her lifelong friends.

Barbara graduated from Moline High School in 1965. Following high school, she attended Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois where she graduated with a degree in Elementary Education in 1969. It was at Trinity where she met the love of her life, Arly Bloom.

On June 14, 1969, Barbara was united in marriage to Arly at First Evangelical Free Church in Moline and together they moved to the Albert City, Iowa, area where they farmed for many years. They were blessed with three children: Erica, Aaron, and Abigail.

Barbara was active in the Albert City Evangelical Free Church, teaching Sunday School, directing Vacation Bible School, and serving in many other areas. She was a gifted organist and pianist, and played for the church for many years.

Barbara taught sixth grade in Marathon for six years before staying home full-time with her children. She was a devoted mother, being involved in all of her children's activities including volunteering as a 4-H and Girl Scouts leader. She loved being outdoors and helping out on the farm wherever she could. She kept her home running smoothly during the summers while Arly was on the wheat harvest. In 1993, she began as office manager for Groundswell Direct in Albert City. In 1995, she began working at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake in the School of Business Office and later in the Centers Office, retiring after nineteen years. She cherished many friendships with students and colleagues from her time there.

During her retirement Barbara continued being active in her church, being a mentor mom in MOPS, participating in a small group with Arly and serving on committees. She also enjoyed coffee and time with her dear friends as often as she could.

Barbara treasured her family, and her grandchildren were her heart and joy. She made sure each one was able to go to Hidden Acres Christian Camp, which they all enjoyed. She was their biggest fan and loved nothing more than attending their ball games, concerts or other activities. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Arly Bloom of Albert City, Iowa; children: Erica (Ryan) Haack of Sanborn, Iowa; Aaron (Becky) Bloom of Aurelia, Iowa; Abby (R.J.) Charlton of Des Moines, Iowa; grandchildren: Samuel, Bennett and Elise Haack; Jack, Margaret, Elizabeth and David Bloom; Henry, Harper, Mavis and Arlena Charlton; sisters: Jacqueline (Bob) Hannum of Bloomington, Indiana; Debra (Brian) Lanzen of Osceola, Wisconsin; brother, Brian (Sherri) Olson of Moline, Illinois; mother-in-law, Ardys Bloom of Fairmont, Minnesota; sisters-in-law: Patricia Johnson of Roscoe, Illinois; Nancy (Don) Johnson of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin; brother-in-law, Myron (Karyn) Bloom of Marathon, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; extended family and many friends.

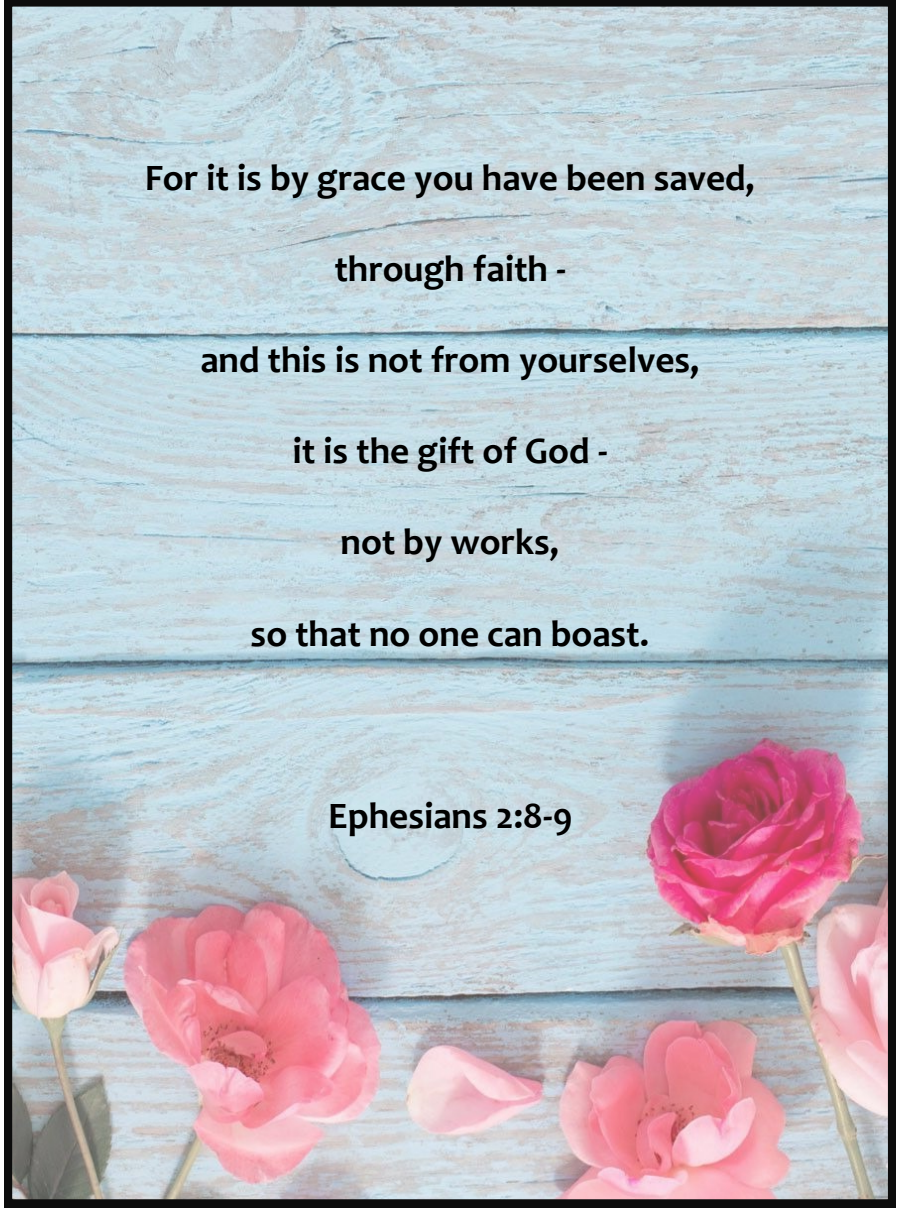
Barbara was preceded in death by her parents: Stanley and Verle Olson and her parents-in-law, Ethel and Clarence Bloom.

In Loving Memory



Barbara L. Bloom

1947 — 2020



For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith -
and this is not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God -
not by works,
so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Thank you for the many acts of kindness and your presence at this service. You are invited to join the family for a reception at the church immediately following the service.

— The Family of Barbara L. Bloom

IN MEMORY OF

Barbara L. Bloom

April 1, 1947 — May 31, 2020

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, September 19, 2020 — 11:00 a.m.

Evangelical Free Church

Albert City, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Jesse Evans

INTERMENT

Fairfield Cemetery

Albert City, Iowa

Arrangements by

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