



Barbara "Barb" Ann Rakosky

August 6, 1934 - October 12, 2021

Barbara "Barb" Ann Rakosky, 87, of Grand Island, passed away on October 12, 2021 at home with her family by her side. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to ARC of Central Nebraska.

Barb was born on August 6, 1934 in Ord, to William and Fronev (Adamek) Klanecky. She grew up in Ord, attending and graduating from Ord public schools in 1951. After graduation, Barb taught rural district school education in Valley County.

Barb was united in marriage to Wayne Rakosky on October 10, 1953 in Ord. Four children were born to this union; Cathy, Carol, Steven, and Alan.

In her younger years, Barb lived with her family on the Greg Ranch in the Fairdale area in Valley County, where she enjoyed riding her horse, Topsy. Later they moved to the family farm where she helped with the chickens and other farm chores until her graduation. After her marriage, Barb stopped teaching and began working as the office manager for the family business, Rakosky Well Drilling, while raising their four children.

Barb and Wayne moved to Grand Island in 1966 and later to Loup City in 1969 where they continued the Well Drilling company. In 1979, they returned to Grand Island, and in 1986, they returned to Ord to resume the family water well business in their hometown. After retiring in 2002, the couple returned to Grand Island.

Barb and Wayne spent many winters in Mesa, Az, vacationing with friends at several resorts. Barb was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Grand Island Saddle Club, and the Platt Deutsche. She also enjoyed her Ord birthday group, her special twice weekly coffee group, monthly Pinochle card club friends, and her Wednesday hair salon friends.

Barb was a woman of great character, who lived life to the fullest with love, laughter, and so much strength. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends for always making people happy with her great sense of humor.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Cathy (Gary) Slater of Harvard, Carol (Dr. Dolf) Ichtertz of Grand Island, Steve (Barb) Rakosky of Hastings, Alan (Deb) Rakosky of Grand Island; grandchildren, Bobbie Jones of Phoenix, AZ; Jenna (Jake) McFarlin and their children, Bryson and Peyton of Phoenix, AZ; Chase Jones of Phoenix, AZ; Kevin (Jessica) Kuta and their children, Colton and Nicole of Lincoln; Andrea Slater Gulley (Dr. Chris Gulley) and their son, Lincoln of Amarillo, TX; Kendra (Brandon) Guthrie and their daughter, Scarlett of Omaha; Rachel Rakosky (Jim Balow) of Mesa, AZ; Alec Rakosky (Sadie Sullivan) of Lincoln; and brother-in-law, Ron Wells of Cotesfield.

Barb was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; parents, William and Froney Klanecky; four sisters, Wilma Foulf, Lillian Benson, Norma Krikac, Bonnie Wells; three brothers, William, Leonard, and Leon Klanecky; and a son-in-law, Vernon Kuta.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara "Barb" Ann Rakosky*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Debra Rakosky sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara "Barb" Ann Rakosky*



Debra Rakosky - November 08, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ *Debra Rakosky lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Barb" Ann Rakosky*



Debra Rakosky - November 08, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ *Steve And Barb Rakosky lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Barb" Ann Rakosky*



Steve and Barb Rakosky - October 27, 2021 at 11:59 PM

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“ *I remember Wayne and Barbara from their time in Loup City. Very nice people. I have made a donation to the Sherman County Historical Society in memory of Barbara. Donna Trompke, Loup City.*

Donna Trompke - October 14, 2021 at 10:06 AM