



Carolyn Beth Barber

April 10, 1929 - February 13, 2017

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Carolyn was born April 10, 1929, in Franklin, Nebraska, to Clarence and Elizabeth (Garrett) Prusia. Upon graduating from Franklin Public Schools in 1946, Carolyn ventured to California for a short time to spend time with her elder sister before returning to Franklin to rejoin her family. Carolyn was married to Paul Epley on April 3, 1949. This union was blessed with 6 sons. Paul and Carolyn lived most of their years in Franklin and celebrated 34 years of marriage before Paul's passing in 1983. Carolyn worked as a teacher's aide at the Franklin Public Schools. She was also a member of the Franklin American Legion Auxiliary for 55 years. Carolyn married Jim Farris in 1984 and moved to Phoenix. The untimely death of Jim Ferris in a motorcycle accident in 1987 ultimately brought Carolyn back to Nebraska in 1991 and closer to her family. Carolyn lived briefly in Minden and Kearney before she met and married Dick Barber of Grand Island in 1995. After a decline in health following Dick's passing on Nov. 19, 2013, Carolyn moved to Fullerton, Nebraska. She remained there until it was necessary, due to health, to move to the care facility in Minden, Nebraska, where she passed from this life on February 13, 2017.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Elizabeth Prusia,

brothers, Don Prusia, Charlie Prusia, Richard Prusia, Elmer Leroy Prusia, sister, Dorothy Sorenson, husbands, Paul Epley, Jim Ferris and Dick Barber, her eldest son Carl Epley, grandson Dustin Epley, and her great granddaughter Jillian Epley. She is survived by her sons, Jon (DeeAnn) of Fullerton, Nebraska; Steve (Jean) of Walnut, Iowa; Mike (Pam) of Kearney, Nebraska; Joel (Donna) of Columbus, Nebraska; Jim (Meg) of Lake City, Florida; daughter-in-law, Diane Epley of North Platte, Nebraska; sisters, Urva Lou Frerichs of Minden, Nebraska, and Estelle Sorenson of Texas; 17 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren, in addition to dozens of nieces and nephews.

Inurnment services are planned for March 18 at Greenwood Cemetery in Franklin, Nebraska, at 1:00 p.m., where her ashes will be buried beside her husband Paul Epley followed by a celebration of life luncheon at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Franklin, Nebraska.

Memorials will be directed to the Nance County Veterans Museum and Memorial in Fullerton, Nebraska.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Trumbull, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn Beth Barber*

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