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Barbara Freese



Born: February 13, 1937

Died: February 13, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:30 A.M., on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in State Center, Iowa. Burial will follow services in the St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Visitation times are: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where the family will be present from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. A Rosary will be held at 6:45 P.M. and a Prayer Vigil will be held at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Memorials may be directed to the family in her name.

Barbara was born on February 13, 1937 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the daughter of George H. and Josephine Kutter Nowlan. She was a 1955 graduate of Colo High School. Barbara

was united in marriage with LaVerne R. Freese on August 2, 1958 in Colo, Iowa. She attended the Mercy School of Nursing in Marshalltown and graduated in 1958. She worked in Marshalltown Hospitals from the time of graduation until retirement in 1996. After retiring she continued to care for others with her nursing skills, especially the elderly. Barbara was known as a great cook and enjoyed gardening. Her faith was very important to her, she regularly attended mass. Barbara and LaVerne enjoyed driving to see their family in California and Texas. Barbara was a devoted wife and mother who dearly loved her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren Barbara Freese is survived by: husband: LaVerne Freese of State Center, Iowa; daughter: Mary (Tom) Wertzberger of Marshalltown; daughter: Verna (Jeff) Sharer of Van Alostne, Texas; son: Robert (Betsy) Freese of Indianola, Iowa; daughter: Rose (Randall) Carroll of Fountain Valley, California; daughter: Carolyn (Anthony) Hardesty of Redondo Beach, California; brother: George (Marty) Nowlan of Cedar Rapids; sister: Lois (Glen) Damman of Melbourne, Iowa; grandchildren: Ben (Vivian) Wertzberger, PFC Christopher Wertzberger, Brittany Wertzberger, Jenna Sharer, Rachel Sharer, Nowlan Freese, Warren Freese, Caroline Freese, Emma Carroll, Graham Carroll and Claire Hardesty; great grandchildren: Ethan and Paige Wertzberger. She was preceded in death by her parents: an infant brother and sister.

