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Barbara Walters

July 10, 1929 - Aug. 6, 2022

Barbara passed away August 6, 2022 at Taylor House Hospice, Des Moines. Burial will be held privately in the Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg. Family requesting that memorial donations be made to Unity Point Hospice, Des Moines.

She was born July 10, 1929 to Chester Leonard and Esther Elizabeth Middleton in Gibson. She was raised on a farm outside of Gibson and attended Gibson High School where she was graduated in 1947.

On May 15, 1948 she married her High School sweetheart, Carrol Walters, at the Oskaloosa Methodist Church. They made their home in Gibson and operated the Post Office and the Cottage Café. Carrol and Barbara moved to What Cheer in 1952 where Carrol became the rural mail carrier for the What Cheer Post Office.

Barbara cared for their son, Jerry. On April 10, 1953 their daughter Peggy was born. Barbara remained a housewife caring for their two children and continued to keep active in the community.

In a few years Carrol and Barbara became interested in farming and gradually began their journey as farmers. Barbara loved being outdoors and the flowers surrounding their house were her pride and joy.

She also loved the farm work because as a child on the farm her father raised her to be the "tomboy" in the family engaging her in much of the farm chores, which she loved. She also loved her black horse, which she would ride into Gibson on many occasions.

Barbara was active in the What Cheer community and a member of the United Methodist Church where she was a Youth Group leader and participated in the Women's Groups. She was also a 4-H Leader and a Girl Scout Leader. Barbara was very active with her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren and they loved her dearly.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband, Carrol, her parents and a sister Betty. She is survived by a daughter Peggy and her husband Steve Calvert of West Des Moines; a son, Jerry Walters of Las Vegas, Nevada; three grandchildren, Amanda and her husband Alan Kruse; Brooke Gracey of Imperial Beach, California; Brett Walters of Las Vegas, Nevada; two great grandchildren Jacob Kruse U.S. Air Force and Keon Kruse of West Des Moines.