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Barbara J. Backen



Kenneth Backen of Tama; three sons, Steven Backen of Hiawatha, Donald Backen of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Daniel Backen of Tama; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her mother, Leona Moore of Toledo; and brother Robert Youngman of Tama.

She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Breja; and step-father, Donald Moore.

Barbara J. Backen, 74, of Tama, died Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Premier Estates of Toledo under the care of Iowa River Hospice.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama with the Rev. Dewey Grimes officiating. Interment will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in rural Tama. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama. A memorial fund has been established.

Barbara was born on July 27, 1942, in Marshalltown, the daughter of Fred and Leona Bidwell Breja. On Sept. 26, 1959 she married Kenneth Backen in Lancaster, Mo. She worked as a waitress at Wakonda Country Club and Vic's Tally Ho, both in Des Moines, and Rube's Steakhouse in Montour. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, making cakes, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband