



Rejoice and Be Glad

*Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
Psalm 33:1*

**To have lived this long, I am so glad,
praises to you I will always sing,
your goodness, grace, and love I've had,
guidance, solace, and comfort you bring.**

**Thank you for giving me these years,
to live, to enjoy, and to serve,
through times of good and times of tears,
with blessings I did not deserve.**

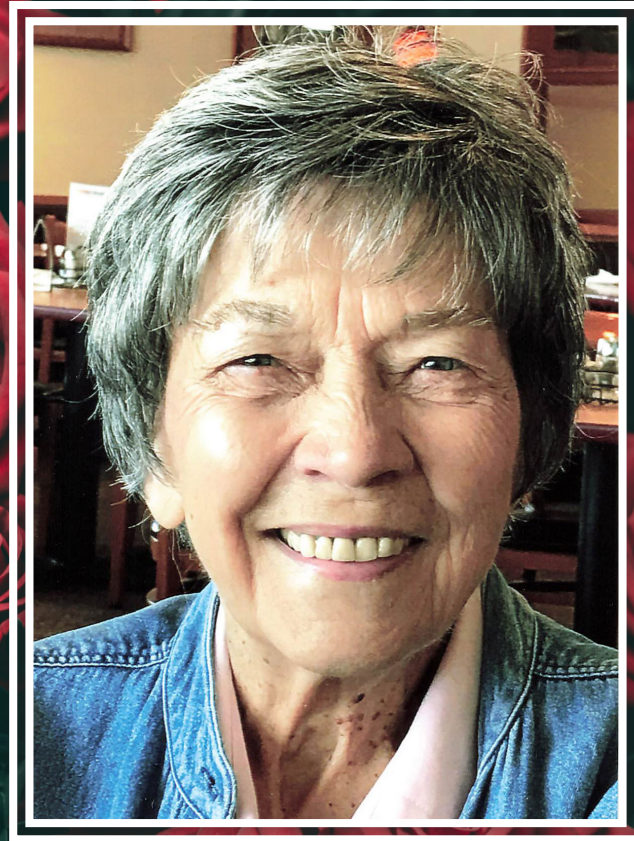
**Thank you for the memories I share,
my heritage, children, church, and friends,
memories of moments knowing you care,
the care I know you always send.**

**For the three score and ten, plus eight,
years that you have allowed me to live,
I yearn to see in your kingdom great,
but will serve for all the years you give.**

**Let me live and walk humbly day by day,
my trust and faith will not waver,
Let me be a friend to people, I pray,
and tell the Good News of my Savior.**

*Dear God, thank you again for allowing me to live these many years.
Thank you for the opportunities that have been mine to serve and
follow you. I pray that you always will be by my side and for your will
to be done in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Celebrating the Life of



Ihla M. Barz

August 2, 1929 – December 27, 2023

Ihla M. Barz, 94, of Garner, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2023, in Des Moines.

Ihlajean Marie Barz, the daughter of Henry and Gay (Roggeman) Johnson, was born August 2, 1929, in Murray County, Minnesota. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Walnut Grove, Minnesota. She attended rural school through the eighth grade and graduated from Garner High School in 1947. After graduation, she attended business school in Des Moines. Ihla began working at Standard Oil Company in Mason City. On October 17, 1947, she married Allen Barz at Immanuel Reformed United Church of Christ in Klemme. They made their home in Klemme until moving to Garner in 1957. To this union three sons were born: Mark, Michael and Dan. Each graduated from Garner. Ihla and Al were members of Zion Church in Garner where Ihla was active in the Women's Fellowship, Youth Fellowship and on the parsonage building committee. Ihla also helped in the Cub Scouts program and served on the Prairie View board for several years. She enjoyed reading and walking, especially at McIntosh Woods in Ventura.

Ihla is survived by her sons, Mark (Dalena) Barz of Ventura and Mike Barz of Garner; four grandchildren, Nathan Barz, Erika Kirby, Norra (Ryan) Dakin and Melissa (Robb) Pfohl; six great-grandchildren, Sam and Meredith Kirby, Casper and Evan Muessigman and Korie and Ell Prindle; Rotary exchange student son, Anders Borjesson from Sweden; six siblings, Kathryn Burgener of Mesa, AZ, Carol Smith of Albert Lea, MN, Vonnie (Jim) Swanson of Palm Desert, CA, Bob Johnson of Albert Lea, MN, Diane (Kent) Dugstad of Zumbrota, MN, and Cindy (Dean) Kirkpatrick of Salome, AZ; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Allen, Feb. 2, 2005; son, Daniel; sister, Betty Tompkins; brother, Sonny Johnson; sisters-in-law, Jolynn Johnson, Avis Hagen, Gladys Barz, and Vi Barz; and brothers-in-law, Merlyn Burgener, Dean Tompkins, Charles Smith, Evert Barz, Eldon Hagen and Ray Barz; nieces, Barbara Tompkins and Cheri Sue Hagen; and nephew, Rodney Burgener.

Memorials may be directed to the Garner Volunteer Ambulance Service in memory of Ihla.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church
Garner, Iowa
11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024

OFFICIATING

Rev. Brian Lund

MUSIC

Margaret Jass, Organist
Congregational Hymns
"Because He Lives" OSB #11
"How Great Thou Art" #32
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee" OSB #227

USHERS

Rick Hammitt Al Jass

CASKET BEARERS

Nathan Barz Robb Pfohl
Allen Tompkins Larry Tompkins
Mike Beaver Terry Jass

BURIAL

Concord Township Cemetery
Garner, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.

