



*You Are Not Forgotten*

You are not forgotten loved one,  
nor will you ever be.

As long as life and memory last,  
we will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore,  
as time goes by we miss you more.

Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
no one can take your vacant place.



*Celebrating the Life of*

*Kay A. Backhaus*

February 10, 1940–June 2, 2023

**Kay A. Backhaus, 83**, of Mason City, died Friday, June 2, 2023, at the Good Shepherd Health Center.

Kay Ann Backhaus was born on February 10, 1940, to parents E.A. Pete and Ann (Wearda) Oehlert. Kay attended Clear Lake High School. During high school Kay met David McCoid and in 1957, the couple was united in marriage in Charles City. Together the couple had two children. Kay and her family would end up moving for David's job but always found their way back to Mason City. In 2001, David passed away.

In 2005, Kay was united in marriage to Norman Backhaus and with this union brought two families together. After her marriage she moved to the farm. It was there that her love for animals grew even more. She had a special fondness for cats. She loved mowing the lawn and gardening brought her great joy. Kay enjoyed knitting, being involved with 4-H and being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Her family was her pride and joy and she loved spending time with them.

Kay is survived by her children, Kim (Mark) Sime, Mike (Nancy) McCoid; stepchildren, Rick (Jennifer) Backhaus, Darci Kellar, Brett (Jackie) Backhaus, Nicole (Jay) McDonough; sister-in-law, Kathleen Springthorpe, grandchildren, Matt, Ben (Carmody), Jon (Lauren) Sime, Danielle (Jeremy) Corcoran, Jessica (Dustin) and Nicole (Alex) McCoid; great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Lily, Alice, Arthur, Mabel, Logan, Liam and Livia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands David and Norman; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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**FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2023  
Major Erickson Funeral Home  
Mason City, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Dan Dahl

**MUSIC**

"You Are My Sunshine"  
"Amazing Grace"

**PALLBEARERS**

Jeremy Corcoran	Rick Backhaus
Jay McDonough	Matthew Sime
Benjamin Sime	Jonathan Sime

**INTERMENT**

Memorial Park Cemetery  
Mason City, Iowa

*Memorials may be directed to  
the family of Kay Backhaus.*

*Major Erickson*  
Funeral Home and Crematory