

*Our lives are filled
with joys and sorrows,
With no guarantees
of more tomorrows.*

*Jo lived her life
as best she could,
With love and laughter
(And Looking Good!)
She worked so hard
for her last dime,
But being with family
was her Best time.*

RIP-Barb



*Always
In our Hearts*



*Johanna "Jo" Garrett
March 11, 1930 ~ May 19, 2019*

Johanna “Jo” Garrett, 89, of Grundy Center, passed away on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at the Grundy Care Center in Grundy Center. Visitation for Jo will be held on Thursday, May 23rd from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Abels Funeral & Cremation Service-Engelkes Chapel in Grundy Center. The funeral service will be held on Friday, May 24th at 10:30 AM at the American Lutheran Church in Grundy Center, preceded by an additional hour of visitation. Burial will follow services at the Rosehill Cemetery in Grundy Center. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Jo was born on March 11, 1930, on the family farm in Palermo Township, IA, the daughter of Herman & Ubena (Rozevink) Beenken. She attended country school through the 8th grade and continued living on the family farm, helping with chores and taking care of her family. On February 24, 1951, Jo was united in marriage to Eugene Shuey. The couple were blessed with 5 children. The two later divorced. On February 21, 1970, Jo married William “Bill” Garrett in Missouri and welcomed son William into their family. He preceded her in death on December 24, 1994.

When Jo’s children were older, she began her working career outside of the home at many local businesses in Grundy Center that included Bill’s Restaurant, High Hopes, Skandia Inn, where she worked as the manager, Christo’s and lastly Family Foods, where she worked in the deli for over 17 years, where she retired. Jo loved cooking and was known for making her famous baked beans, fried bread and ‘Jo’s Potato Salad’. In her younger years, Jo enjoyed caring for her neighborhood kids. Jo was a hard worker her entire life. She enjoyed meeting the public and made many lasting relationships throughout her life. She will be deeply missed by those she leaves behind.

Jo is survived by her children Cheryl (Randy) Kriz, Darrel (Barbara) Shuey, Dean (Karen) Shuey, all of Grundy Center, Valorie (Allan) Hansen of Holland, Darwin (Becki Jo) Shuey of Grundy Center and William “Bill” Garrett of Waterloo; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Dorothy Beenken and Beverly Beenken. She is preceded in death by her parents; 2 husbands; grandson Kortney Kriz and great-grandson Emmett Allan Hansen; siblings Herman Beenken, Katherine Zech, Jennie Van Deest, Grace Harrenstein, Jake Beenken and Lutjen Beenken.

In Loving Memory **Johanna “Jo” Garrett**

Sunrise

March 11, 1930

Palermo Township, Iowa

Sunset

May 19, 2019

Grundy Center, Iowa

Funeral Service

Friday, May 24, 2019

10:30 AM

American Lutheran Church

Grundy Center, Iowa

Officiating

Pastor Luther Thoresen

Organist

Paula Speirs

Vocalist

Rachel Simms

Congregational Hymns

“Lift High The Cross”

Processional Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Recessional Hymn

Vocal Selections

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Casket Bearers

Chad Hansen	Matt Hansen	Brett Kriz
Eric Kriz	Douglas Shuey	Brian Shuey

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Grundy Center, Iowa

Jo’s family would like to invite those in attendance to join them for lunch in the church Fellowship Hall, following the committal service.