



## Barbara Baker

June 5, 1951 - October 8, 2019

Memorials to the family.

Barbara Jean Klebe was born on June 5, 1951 in Omaha, Nebraska to Karl and Donna (Albers) Klebe. She grew up and attended grade school in downtown Elkhorn. Barb was active in school as a cheerleader, majorette, trumpet player in the band, and in the Drama club. She graduated from Elkhorn High School in 1969. Barb went on to earn a degree from Midland College in 1973 with a double major in English and Communication Arts and was elected to Who's Who among college students that year.

Barb married Ron Fletcher on July 5, 1970 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, Nebraska and they were blessed with two children: Brenda and Justin. Barb and Ron raised their family in Elk City before moving to the "house on the hill," that they built in Bennington in 1979.

Barb worked as a teacher in Fremont, Nebraska where she taught English, Journalism, Speech and Drama before becoming a Realtor at Wurdeman Gallery of Homes in 1977. She enjoyed a long and successful career in the real estate business. She was one of the seven original founding members at Ambassador Real Estate in 1984. Barb was "Rookie of the Year" in her first year and went on to receive many awards during her career.

She enjoyed skiing, boating and dancing, and in her later years, she even learned to love camping. Barb married Michael Baker on May 31, 2002 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Valley, Nebraska and they enjoyed 15 years together at their home at Timberlodge Lake, south of Valley.

Barb loved to travel, most notably ski trips to Colorado, trips to Minnesota to visit her brother, and vacations to Hawaii, the Cayman Islands, and Playa del Carmen. She was a loving, big-hearted, hardworking woman who enjoyed entertaining. She loved to host parties at her house for any, and all, holidays and would cook enough food to feed an army. Barb was a rabid Husker fan and was known to be quite loud cheering them on! Her favorite thing was to spend time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Barb passed away on October 8, 2019 at Lakeside Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 68 years, 4 months and 3 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Karl and Donna and husband Mike Baker. Barb is survived by children: Brenda and Rusty Olson of Omaha, and Justin and Jessi Fletcher of Yutan; 6 grandchildren (Madison, Ava, Sam, Nate, Austin, and Emily); and her brother Byron (Linda) Klebe of Fargo, ND.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT 13. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
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## Family will receive friends

OCT 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Baker*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your family’s loss and I hope you have many prayers blessing all of you. Growing up in Elkhorn we are all a small family with many happy memories. Byron so sorry I know she was special. That smile was she always had made all of us happy. Rest In Peace sweet Barb. Susie Clover Christopher*



**Susan Christopher** - October 15, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ *Nodak Insurance Company purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Baker.*



**Nodak Insurance Company** - October 12, 2019 at 03:17 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Barbara Baker.*



October 11, 2019 at 08:19 PM

BF

“ *Bill and Sharon Fletcher purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Baker.*



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**Bill and Sharon Fletcher** - October 11, 2019 at 04:37 PM

SH

“ *We the Tuesday night TBird golf league will miss you Barb! Please look down onto us and share eagles, birdies and pars from up above! We will all hit one for you at the start of next season! Rest in Peace dear golf partner!*

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**Sherri Hoffman** - October 11, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Baker.*



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October 10, 2019 at 08:34 PM

BW

“ *Barb sold our house in Elkhorn in '79 when we moved to Texas and sold us our current address when we moved back in '99.*



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**Buck and Sandy Wehrbein** - October 10, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Baker.*



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October 10, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Ambassador Family Sending Love*



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**Brooke DeLano** - October 10, 2019 at 03:11 PM



*Byron,,  
My heartfelt condolences to you and Barb's family. I remember her being high energy and full of passion. May you all find peace in remembering what a good person she was.*

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**cheeyl Siebken Richards** - October 14, 2019 at 12:11 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Baker.*



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October 10, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Baker.*



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October 10, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to you and yours in your loss of Barb. Our memories go way back to childhood when we watched Barb and Byron grow up in Elkhorn. In fact, I babysat the two little ones when I was but 7 or 8 years old! Our family loved the Klebe family! Please know you are in our prayers!!*

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**Carmen (Ohm) And Denny Dau** - October 10, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ *Brad, Nick, Vanessa, and Sue purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Baker.*



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**Brad, Nick, Vanessa, and Sue** - October 10, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Barbara Baker.*



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October 10, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Baker.



October 10, 2019 at 07:30 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Barbara Baker.



October 09, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ Barb & I grew up together in Elkhorn from the time we started kindergarten through high school. We only lived a block apart & there was a lot of fun times & memories growing up. I will miss her & the few phone conversations we had over the years. Last time I saw her was in 2014 at Yankton where we lived. Her & Mike & her kids & grandkids were camping by Lewis & Clark Lake. I'm sad I wasn't at our 50th class reunion last summer to see her one more time. Our prayers are with her family for God's comfort.



Patty DeGross - October 09, 2019 at 05:11 PM

LG

*I think I'll miss her most on evenings when I used to pick up the phone, and we'd talk for over an hour about our present and stories of our past. When I came back for the 50th high school reunion in June,! I'm spent two afternoons with your mom, and then on the night before my flight home, she drove me around Elkhorn on a drive of memories. I've loved your mom since kindergarten, and I'll miss her. I can only imagine what all of you are feeling. Take good care of yourselves and turn to God.*

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**Linda Nelson Gardner** - October 09, 2019 at 10:07 PM

MO

*I was Linda Nelson Gardner's younger sis and I remember tagging along to go visit and hang out with Barb at her house growing up in Elkhorn. She just reached out to me on Facebook not too long ago. She was a beautiful person inside and out and that is why I liked to be around her! May she rest in peace and love and prayers to her family at this time of missing her.*

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**Mary Oliver** - October 10, 2019 at 01:22 AM