



## Barbara Mills

March 5, 1947 - December 27, 2015

Barbara (Dean) Mills, age 68, of Spirit Lake, formerly of Okoboji, passed away Sunday, December 27, 2015, at Hawkeye Care Center in Spirit Lake. She was born on March 5, 1947, in Spirit Lake, Iowa, to Earl and LeeAnna (Schumacher) Dean.

Barbara was united in marriage to Donald Mills on January 22, 1964, in Spirit Lake. Donald passed away Friday, December 25, 2015.

Barbara was a homemaker and ran a day care for many years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. She enjoyed cooking, reading, crocheting, sewing, playing cards, and family.

Barbara is survived by son, Curtis (Nancy) Mills, of Columbia, MO; son, Anthony (Betty) Mills of Ringsted, IA; daughter, Tami (Ted) Woodroof of Spirit Lake, IA; son, Jon (Shelly) Mills of Davenport, IA; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; mother, LeeAnna Nielsen of Spirit Lake, IA; brother, Dennis (Esterlita) Dean of Spirit Lake, IA; sister, Roxanne (Pete) Sidles of Spirit Lake, IA; sister, Patti Bruhns of Spirit Lake, IA; sister, Jacki (Scott) Marderness of Milford, IA; sister, Jolene (Scott) Egertson of Spirit Lake, IA; sister, Lisa Hurd of Estherville, IA; brother, Greg (Kara) Dean of Spirit Lake, IA; step-brother, Sherman Nielsen of Royal, IA; brother-in-laws, Ronnie Mills of Spencer, IA, Dick (Wanda) Mills of Washington, Larry

Mills of Spencer, IA; and many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father; stepfather, Harry Nielsen; grandparents; and grandson, Douglas.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, January 4, 2016, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 3, 2016, from 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M., at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will be at St. Margaret's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Don & Barb's names.

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ My heartfelt sympathy to your families. I admire Barb, for she had that beautiful smile for all the suffering she endured to the end. We were friends in school and one of the most fun memories was when we would hide grandpa Herman's janitor cart. He and grandma would play along with us and never get upset with us for hiding his cart! God be with you through these difficult days.

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**Evalyine (Evy Hilliard) Billings** - January 03, 2016 at 11:25 AM

DM

“ Tami and family.... I am so sorry to hear of your loss, especially at this time of year. At least you can take comfort in the fact that they basically left together. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Dee Dee McCoy** - January 02, 2016 at 12:27 PM

SM

“ Barbara Mills

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**Shelly Mills** - January 02, 2016 at 08:51 AM

CS

“ Barbara Mills

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**Chad Schuchert** - January 01, 2016 at 11:41 AM

MD

“ Tami, so sorry for the loss of your parents. Keeping you close in my thoughts and prayers. Their memories will be with you forever.

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**Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley** - December 30, 2015 at 06:02 AM

DB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My sympathy to your family.*

*Dayle*

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**Dayle Brooks** - December 29, 2015 at 11:30 AM

CB

“ *Barbara Mills*

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**Chelsey Bruhns** - December 29, 2015 at 11:21 AM

DB

“ *She was my best friend, my confidant, my cousin....I remember when I worked at the hospital and looked out the North window and saw Barb and Donnie sitting out front of their apartment. I hollered "Barb!" It took her awhile, looking around to figure out that it was me across the street! lol She babysat at least 2 of my kids, and we would always have relaxing talks in the kitchen when I'd come to get the kids. I'm going to miss her smile, her patience, her love, her hugs, our talks.....Love you precious lady!*

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**Debbie Godbold Bahr** - December 28, 2015 at 08:10 PM

KK

“ *Cutis, Nancy, Tami and families. So sorry to hear about your parents. Keeping you in,our thoughts and prayers*

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**kent & Jo Kastrup** - December 28, 2015 at 05:57 PM

JC

“ *Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers! !!*

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**Jeff and Linda Christoffer** - December 28, 2015 at 05:30 PM

MW

“ Barbara Mills

Mary Ann Woodyard - December 28, 2015 at 03:36 PM

JM

“ Barbara Mills

Jessica Miller - December 28, 2015 at 02:56 PM

SD

“ Tami and family, so sorry to hear of the lost of both of your parents. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sending hugs. Take care.

Sally Christensen DeLoss - December 28, 2015 at 02:20 PM

SW

“ Barbara Mills

Sharon Winter-Koch - December 28, 2015 at 12:01 PM

MG

“ Barbara Mills

Mike & Seana Godbold - December 28, 2015 at 09:42 AM

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MF

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Mary Reandeau& family - December 28, 2015 at 09:24 AM

AW

“ *Barbara Mills*

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**Ashley Woodroof** - December 28, 2015 at 04:39 AM

MD

“ *Barbara Mills*

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**Mary Durst** - December 27, 2015 at 10:57 PM

CF

“ *Barbara Mills*

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**Connie Tatman Fontenot** - December 27, 2015 at 08:22 PM

CO

“ *Barbara Mills*

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**Connie** - December 27, 2015 at 08:21 PM

DU

“ *Barbara Mills*

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**Dawn Updike** - December 27, 2015 at 07:35 PM

MD

“ *Barbara Mills*

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**Marcia Dean-Pepper** - December 27, 2015 at 07:21 PM

MA

“ *Barb and Donnie , Thank you for who you were. You helped raise a girl at two weeks old so I could go back to work. Your life was awesome, and did it all together . God has as special pair now.*

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**Mark , Jackie Anderson** - December 27, 2015 at 04:40 PM

JB

“ *Tami,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss of your parents. Neither of them will be suffering with their health anymore. Ironically, they have one another in heaven now. Your family is in our prayers.*

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**Jon & Robin Bliesmer** - December 27, 2015 at 02:03 PM