



Charlene Allen

September 25, 1939 - August 17, 2024

Charlene Elizabeth Baker Allen, 84, of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on August 17, 2024 at the Hospice House in Ottumwa, Iowa with family at her side. She was born on September 25, 1939 in Bloomfield to Charley Olvin and Lila Larue Bowling Baker. She was united in marriage to Paul Keith Allen on September 25, 1957. Charlene graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1958. To this union three children were born; Dennis, Cindy, and Sherry. They were married for 54 years when Keith passed away on October 30, 2011. Charlene greatly missed her husband but remained on their farm and lived in the family home they built together in 1974.

Charlene was a farmwife and homemaker. She helped with the cattle, had bottle lambs, raked hay, and anything else that needed to be done on the farm. She raised a big garden and canned a lot of produce to feed her family. She was always baking and cooking. Family was very important to her. She loved spending time with her family and all her grandchildren. She will be remembered for her homemade noodles, crescent rolls, and many apple pies she made. Every fall she would work up bushels of apples from the apple trees Keith and her planted and grew. She enjoyed working in her many flowerbeds, garden, embroidering, sewing, and quilting. Charlene was a 4-H Leader for many years for the Lucky Maids 4-H Club. She was a longtime member of the Drakesville United Methodist Church and the Drakesville United Methodist Quilters. She will be greatly missed by her family.

She is survived by a son, Dennis Allen of Bloomfield; two daughters, Cindy (Chuck) Riggerbach, Sherry (Kenneth) Padget both of Bloomfield; eight grandchildren, Alisha Allen, Derek (Lacey) Allen, Shea (Mike) Goblan, Dane (Rachelle) Riggerbach, Trevor (Shannon) Riggerbach, Bree (Alex) Reinert, Brandon (Teagan) Padget, Travis (Harmyni) Padget; twelve great-grandchildren, Mason Simmons, Aliya Reinert, Kinsley Allen, Jace Riggerbach, Shandy Padget, Kennedy Reinert, Collin Riggerbach, Myla Allen, Kennis Padget, Juliet Reinert, Clayton Padget, Thomas Padget; sister-in-law, Carol White; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two great-grandsons, Brody Allen-Hopkins, Camden Paul Allen; two brothers, LaVerne and Robert Baker; and a sister, Rosemary Allen.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Thom Bryant officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday with the family present to greet friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorials have been established to Hospice of Wapello and Davis Counties and the Drakesville United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ I want to convey my deepest condolences to my dearest cousins Cindy, Sherry, & Dennis & extended Allen Family. Aunt Charlene was a very special Aunt like none other. She is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Now I am certain!

Back in 1979-80, my dad Aunt Charlene's brother Robert and us three, lived in Bloomfield for two years. I was in middle school back then and those two years spent there were some of the most memorable years of my life, because I got a chance to know what kind of outstanding person aunt Charlene truly was, and also her beloved sister Rosemary Allen who was also an amazing beloved aunt, and their also wonderful beloved brother Laverne Baker, along my fellow Allen cousins were so wonderful and so great to me! They were the best family ever and it was a joy and pleasure to get to better know them all much closer at that time in my life. I often look back at the fondest memories of those two years!

Aunt Charlene was a super person! She was someone who was so kind, caring, friendly, warm, selfless, a true Christian who should the love of Christ in her every day living. She was always positive and upbeat and had the best heart one could ever have. She was an outstanding mother, and wife to Uncle Keith who adored her, and her cooking skills were excellent! Whatever she did she put her heart and soul into it!

She and my mother Maudine Baker, and Rosemary Allen were like sisters. And mom loved Charlene and her sister Rosemary so much! Charlene and Rosemary treated my mother like a sister and I will never forget that!

I love you Aunt Charlene! You will be so missed but in my heart Forever! Mark Baker, Marietta Georgia

Mark Baker - October 15, 2024 at 03:32 AM

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Thank you, Mark!

Cindy Riggerbach - November 28, 2024 at 11:23 PM

SS

“ Aunt Charlene was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known! I will forever remember the special aromas as you entered her home of baking and cooking. She was most famous for her apple pie 🍏 and chocolate chip cookies 🍪. You could never get out the door without a care package. I also remember the homemade laid out on the table to dry. She was an excellent cook and everything was so delicious 😊 Once in awhile we would just drop by and a few times caught her hair rollers. She would always say “Oh my kids I haven’t got my hair done “and do her little giggle 🤭 It didn’t phase her because she had a heart of gold and always Boone arms with a hug 🤗 Family was important to her and she took very good care of everyone. We will miss that smile 😊 , her hugs and especially all the stories. I’ll never forget the one time before I moved back to Ia we had visited her and Uncle Keith and we were to leave in a couple of days and I got a call from her at Ken’s folks and she asked me if it would be ok to come and see us one more time that Uncle Keith wanted to see me again along with her too she said. I replied most certainly we always have time for you. I felt so blessed that they did as he passed that coming October and I was here in September. I’ll always cherish the times I spent with them. You will always hold a special place in my heart ❤️ Now you and Uncle Keith can hold hands and walk through heavens garden. 🌸 We love you so very much Aunt Charlene and will miss you terribly. Love you Always, Shelly and Ken



SHELLY SCHAEFER - August 22, 2024 at 03:27 PM

NT

“ *Deepest sympathy to Sherry, Cindy, Dennis and family,*

Your mother’s caring and kind leadership in our 4-H club is so appreciated! She impacted many lives, and helped shape us into the women we are today. My sisters and I were privileged to be some of her ‘Lucky Maids’! She was a great teacher; patient and kind as she worked with us to learn new sewing, foods and home improvement skills for our fair projects.

Your mom reminds me a lot of my mom; they kept busy cooking, gardening, canning, sewing, doing farm chores and loving on their family. Such sweet souls!

*I’m sorry for your loss,
Nancy Teubel*

“I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought, and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.”

Leo Buscaglia

Nancy Teubel - August 22, 2024 at 01:19 AM

BM

“ *Brandon, MacKenzie, Courtney & Megan purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Charlene Allen.*



Brandon, MacKenzie, Courtney & Megan - August 20, 2024 at 12:15 PM

BC

“ We met Charlene last fall during a class we were taking. My first impression of Charlene was her kind and gentle spirit. Charlene always had a smile on her face. We will sorely miss Charlene and her loving spirit.

We send our sincere condolences to her loving family 🙏. So sorry for your loss

Barb and Mike Crowder, Ottumwa IA



Barb Crowder - August 20, 2024 at 10:28 AM

SH

“ I have known the Allen family for a long time. Memories of riding the school bus together and 4-H with the girls. She will be greatly missed. 😊🙏🙏🙏💕💕

Sherry Hopkins - August 19, 2024 at 11:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlene Allen.



August 19, 2024 at 10:50 PM

JB

“ I remember my Aunt Charlene as far back to the early 1960s when Mom and Dad would load me in the car and drive from Dayton, Ohio to Bloomfield, Iowa for our summer vacation. This is one of my most favorite memories growing up to see all of the Allen/Baker family. Aunt Charlene, Uncle Keith, Cousins Dennis, Cindy and Sherry after we arrived at Grandma and Grandpa Baker’s farm for the week long visit.

After a day or two visit with Grandma and Grandpa, I was off to stay at Aunt Charlene’s house for the duration. Aunt Charlene treated me like one of her very own. She was so sweet and kind to all of us kids while burning off energy playing together. Over the years through the 1970s, I would always stay at her house. Her ability to do it all was so impressive like cooking, gardening, canning and shopping. Also she would be constantly keeping up with and staying on top of everything that her family was supposed to be doing, including Grandma Baker! She could multi-task like no other. Everything was done right—period! Aunt Charlene was also involved on the farm tending to the Angus herd more times than one could keep track of. Just recently a few months ago, she was helping Dennis tend to watering his cattle herd down on the farm next door where she lived.

Aunt Charlene also was very spiritual having the love of Jesus Christ, she always express her faith in Him and the love of her Drakesville Methodist church.

Thank you Aunt Charlene for being so kind to me, my family, my mother Maudine, my brother Mark, and especially my dad, your brother Robert, whom you visited long distance by phone during COVID-19 before he passed away three years ago at the nursing home in Atlanta, Georgia. He really enjoyed the cookies that you made him, especially your familiar sweet voice.

Dennis, Cindy and Sherry, on behalf of my wife Carolyn, daughter Carrie and son Derrick, we all want to express our condolences,

loving thoughts and prayers to each one of you and your families for your loss. We pray for God to give you all strength during this time of morning. May all your loving memories of your mother Charlene be of comfort.

Love Always,

*Cousin Jeff Baker
Jamestown, Ohio*



Jeff Baker - August 19, 2024 at 10:28 PM

PS

“ *Penny Short lit a candle in memory of Charlene Allen* ”



Penny Short - August 19, 2024 at 07:28 PM

DE

“ *My Aunt Charlene was a sweet lady. I don't know how she did all the things she did, but I do know they were all done out of love and with love. Our last visit was so nice and I'm keeping it tucked away in my heart. I will miss you, however I'm happy you're with Uncle Keith. I love you Aunt Charlene ❤️🥹, always.*

Debbie-Rowe Eggleston - August 18, 2024 at 06:51 PM