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Barbara Hurst, age 71 of Centerville, Iowa passed away Sunday, January 18, 2015 at her home.

She was born in Centerville, Iowa on January 9, 1944 to Robert and Gladys (Spurgeon) Hulen. Barbara graduated from Bloomfield High School with the Class of 1961. She was united in marriage to Frank Leo Hurst in Lancaster, Missouri on December 23, 1969.

Barbara spent her life taking care of people; she took care of her husband for many years during his illness while working fulltime. She was a strong person, always putting her husband and daughter before herself.

She was employed at the Department of Human Services for over 25 years. Her coworkers remember her as a friend to anyone who was in need. She was a union steward for several years and was passionate about employee rights. Above all, she served clients with respect and compassion. She would go above and beyond expectations for clients who had the least income and minimal support. Her mission at DHS was to serve those less fortunate and her dedication to that mission was reflected in her day to day priorities at her workplace.

Barbara was also a lover of animals and spent countless hours feeding, saving, and transporting animals to a "no kill" shelter in Des Moines. Barbara was never without a pet, she was known to have quite the troop of dogs, and no one loved animals like she did. After her retirement she worked at New Focus and enjoyed spending time with the people there. She also worked at Comfort Keepers helping elderly and sick people in their homes

In recent years she had enjoyed daily lunches with the people at the 18-80 club and attending church at the 2nd Baptist Church. She loved working in the yard, she always had a beautiful flower garden. She passed that love of gardening and rock hunting down to her daughter; they spent many weekends rock hunting at the lake



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and in farm fields around the county. She had been known to pull over and pick up any rock no matter the size anywhere. She moved those from house to house as the years went on and every one of those rocks now has a place at her daughter's home. Barbara loved her family and spending time with them, she always had music playing and loved to dance, many remember how she showed off her polka skills at her daughter's wedding.

The illness took away much of her memory but it couldn't take away her sense of humor, her loud recognizable laugh and her love for being around people especially her daughter and grandkids.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Amber (Rocky) White of Centerville, Iowa; three grandchildren, Abigail, John, and Leo White all of Centerville, Iowa; her mother, Gladys Hulen of Bloomfield, Iowa; two siblings, Jim Hulen of Centerville, Iowa and Roberta Meyers of Bloomfield, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her father, her husband and a sister; Beverly Cowles.

Memorial services will be held at 10 AM, Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Reverend Brian Hargrave officiating.

Private burial will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions have been established to either the Lord's Cupboard in Centerville or to Animal Lifeline of Iowa and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544. A visitation will be held on Friday at the funeral home, with the family greeting friends from 5-7 PM. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

January 23, 2015 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Memorial Service

January 24, 2015 10:00 AM

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:50 PM



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October 13 at 2:53 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Amber and Family Your mother and I had some good times together. We rode to Bloomfield on occasion and visited with your grandmother and that was enjoyable. I remember one time on a summer day after work she buzzed by in her little blue sports car convertible with one of her dogs and we took off for the lake. It was a fun and rather wild ride. I would rather not think what people thought when they saw those two women with a big dog in the back and the top down on that little sports car. One time she asked me had I ever been to the Monterey auction. Heavens, I not only had never been but never herd of it. What a deal. We went. It was an experience. Amber, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. It was so admirable that you had her in your home and cared for her. She is in a better p[lace now and to me death can bring peace and no pain. SusieC Posted by Sue Ellen Oden - Centerville, IA - friend January 19, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Amber, I really enjoyed working with you mother even tho we didn't see eye to eye on everything. She had a great sense of humor and we shared alot of laughter over the years. The entire office was a better place for your mother working there. I know she loved you very much. She will be sorely missed by you and your family. She is now with the Lord and in no pain or confusion. May she rest in peace Toni Posted by Toni Maletta McCloud - PEMBROKE, GA January 19, 2015

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Anonymous posted:

So many good times with your mother both at work, many lunches, and on our way to Ottumwa to Union meetings so we could also eat out. She loved you, Amber, Rocky, and her grandchildren. Prayers for all of you and such a blessing she was able to be in your home the last few months.

Posted by Pam Wesch January 19, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Amber we were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Even though we haven't had contact with you for years we will always have her in our memories and will remember how she loved the dogs.

John and Margery Sandy(Sara's parents) Posted by Margery and John Sandy - Centerville, IA - friends January 19, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Amber,I am so sorry for your loss. I remember your mother as a very giving and caring woman, who had a zest for life and a wonderful laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family as you face this difficult time. Posted by Tammy Loerzel - Ottumwa, IA January 21, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gladys, Roberta, Jim and Amber, My sincere and deepest sympathy to you all. May the Lord hold you in his arms at this time of sorrow. I remember Barbara being so much like Roberta with her fun spirits and love for music and dancing. Posted by Connie Phillis - Waterloo, IA - Classmate of Roberta.

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