



Gwen Garr

February 13, 1937 - March 3, 2023

Gwen was born Feb. 13, 1937, in Paris, Arkansas to Homer and Adele (Hill) Anderson. She graduated from Paris High School and soon after married Sammy Bethune. They had eight children. The couple later divorced. Gwen's second husband was Charles Garr, who preceded her in death in 2009. He brought to the marriage three children and together they had one daughter.

Gwen's first priority was always her family. She was a hard worker; often working two or three jobs to provide for her children. Gwen worked for many years at Pleasant Park Nursing Home in Oskaloosa as a med aid. She was proud of her job and made many friends there.

Gwen is survived by six sons: Samuel (Sharon) Bethune of Lincoln, NE, Steve (Arlene) Bethune of Denver, IA, Scott (Beverly) Bethune of Ottumwa, Andy (Tina) Garr of Burlington, Shannon (Mary) Bethune of Fremont, and Billy Garr of Burlington; five daughters: Sandy Eckley of Fremont, Sue (Aaron) Tonderum of Kelly, IA., Roxanne Duffy of Burlington, Sherri (Loren) Navratil of Ankeny, and Chrissy (Ricky) Pierce of Fremont, and one brother, Richard "Butch" (Carol) Anderson. Also left to mourn her passing are her numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Charles, Gwen was preceded in death by four brothers: Buford,

Joe, Michael, and Van Anderson and one sister Gaylen Deckard; her son Shaun, and three grandsons – Caleb, Jeremy, and Brendan Bethune.

Visitation will be held at the Fremont Funeral Chapel Monday, March 6 beginning at 1:00p.m. with the family present from 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. and the funeral service will be at that location on Tuesday, March 7 at 2:00p.m. Pastor Phil Morrison will be officiating. Interment at Cedar Township Cemetery (South) will follow. Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Friends are invited to join the family afterward at the Fremont Community Center for coffee and desserts.

As per Gwen's wishes, donations can be made to the American Heart Society or to an organization of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Township Memorial Cemetery

Fremont, IA 52561

Previous Events

Open Visitation

MAR 6. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Fremont Funeral Chapel
Walnut and Main Street
P.O. Box 276
Fremont, IA 52561
(641) 673-7366
ffc@iowatelecom.net
<https://www.fremontfuneralchapel.com/>

Family Visitation

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

MAR 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Township Memorial Cemetery
Fremont, IA 52561

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



. - March 22, 2023 at 11:53 AM

JS

“ I'm so glad that I was able to help you in your golden years. I'm glad I was able to be there to go pick up your groceries for you and take you to your appointments as needed. I always enjoyed our rides around town and even trips to Hedrick to the Dollar store. You'll always be in my memories. I never thought I'd lose you. There will never be anyone else as kind hearted as you were. Thank you for stepping in and being the mother figure for me.

JSB - March 22, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.



March 06, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.



March 06, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.



March 05, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.*



March 05, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.*



March 05, 2023 at 04:06 PM

MI

“ *Gwen was one of the good ones with such a big, loving heart. She honestly cared about everyone she knew and always made you feel welcome. She was kind, honest, loving, down to earth, and just wanted the best for everyone else. I loved listening to her stories, and she always made time for people. She was one of a kind, and I will miss her tremendously.*

Michelle - March 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM

RM

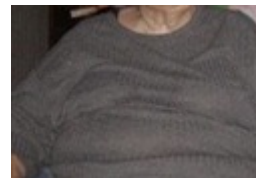
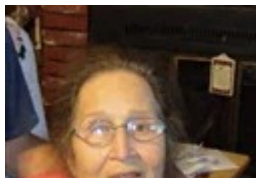
“ *ROBERT AND ANNE MORRISON lit a candle in memory of Gwen Garr*



ROBERT AND ANNE MORRISON - March 04, 2023 at 10:21 PM

AN

“ *There is definitely not many down to earth kind hearted souls as yours...you give your last penny to strangers. You are gone but not forgotten. You'll always love within my memories.*



anonymous - March 04, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.*



March 04, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.*



March 04, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.*



March 03, 2023 at 10:57 PM

CI

“ *such a wonderful lady and a dear friend. always had time to visit with you, She will be missed.*
Cindy schippers

cindySchippers - March 03, 2023 at 08:33 PM

DA

“ *We loved Aunt Gwennie so much. She was wonderful and will be dearly missed. Praying for all her family and friends.*

Daniel and Sandy Anderson - March 03, 2023 at 08:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.*



March 03, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gwen Garr.



March 03, 2023 at 07:50 PM

ST

“ Gwen was one of the most hard-working people I ever met. I spent many hours at the Bethune-Garr household as a kid, and she made sure everyone had what they needed, and no one was allowed out of the house in the morning without breakfast. It didn't matter what it was, but food must be consumed before you left. I had great memories with her kids, especially Sherri, who became one of my best friends. Hugs go out to all of her family. She will be deeply missed.

Sandi Tucker-Stanbro - March 03, 2023 at 06:53 PM

PP

“ Prayers for the family 🙏 She was a wonderful woman and will be missed.



Pat Probst - March 03, 2023 at 06:22 PM

EP

“ I am sorry for your loss. Keeping your Family in my thoughts and prayers

Elaine Pratt - March 03, 2023 at 04:43 PM