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Obituaries

Monica Margot (Berven) Gillman

Monica Margot Gillman, 74, will be having a celebration of life gathering that will take place from 3-6 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025, at CB&Q Freight House in Chariton, Iowa. Memorials may be made out to Moni's family or to the Chariton Public Library.



Monica Margot Gillman, affectionately known as Moni, was a beacon of light and laughter whose spirited, generous nature touched everyone she met. Born on Sept. 6, 1949, in Bad Sooden-Allendorf, Germany, she built a beautiful life in Chariton, Iowa, where she passed on March 20, 2025.

Moni shared a love-filled, 45-year marriage with her husband, Mike Gillman. Together, they raised three sons—Michael, Jon, and Mark—along with their spouses: Amanda, Jessica, and Miranda. Her greatest joy came from being "Oma" to her grandchildren: Hunter, Lizah, Kolton, Jacobie, and Lillie.

A graduate of Estherville High School and a licensed beautician, Moni lived a life rich in creativity and compassion. She worked in many roles—from hairdressing to factory work to helping international students—but motherhood was always her true calling.

Her laughter, quick wit, and giving heart were the soul of every family gathering. Whether knitting, gardening, or simply lending a listening ear, Moni gave with her whole heart. Her generous spirit knew no bounds; she gave not just material gifts, but the gift of her time, her attention, and her unconditional love and support.

Moni's story doesn't end here—it lives on in the lives she touched. May we carry her light forward by loving deeply, laughing freely, and cherishing the moments that truly matter.

She is survived by her brother Bob and his wife Debbie Berven; her sister Betty and her husband Fred Danner; her sister-in-law Genie and her husband Larry Snuggs; her brothers-in-law Bill and his wife Debbie Gillman, and Steve and his wife Kerry Gillman; and many loved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Wilma Berven, her in-laws, Gene and Barb Gillman, and her niece Cindy Snuggs.

Ivan Lanford Goering

Ivan Lanford Goering, 59, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on March 17, 2025 at the Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield. He was born on Sept. 24, 1965 in Chariton, Iowa to Ivan L. and Louise Marie New Goering. He married Robin Elliott on Aug. 7, 1999 in Eldon, Iowa.



Ivan worked as a farmhand and for Merle Security for several years before working at Cargil for Bridgeport Sanitation. He later worked at Sutherlands in Ottumwa and various other jobs until his health declined further. He loved working on motorcycles and owned D&I Scooter Shack. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, camping, watching old western movies, and riding motorcycles. Ivan and Robin made many trips to Sturgis and other bike rallies. He was a lifetime member of A.B.A.T.E. Ivan may have looked like a bad biker, but he had a gentle soul. He endured a lifetime of medical complications but he never complained.

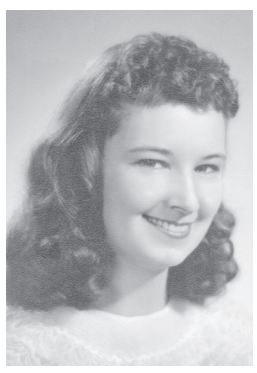
He is survived by his wife, Robin Goering; son, Davan Goering of Bloomfield; daughter, Whitney Elliott of Bloomfield; three siblings, Russell (Kimberly) Goering of Ottumwa, Iowa, David (Diane) Goering of Chariton, Iowa, Susan (Jimmy) Harris of Des Moines, Iowa; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and dog, Duke.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Doug McAntire officiating. Burial was at the Round Point Cemetery near Agency, Iowa. Visitation began at 1 p.m. on Friday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to his family.

Barbara Ann (Routon) Mortenson

Barbara Ann Mortenson was born in Mondamin, Iowa on Nov. 20,1941 to Harrold "Harry" Dillard Routon and Helen Louise (Martin) Routon. She was the oldest of six children.



Growing up, the family moved often between Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Missouri and Kansas for her father's work. She graduated High School in Atchison, Kansas in 1960. She achieved this by being a nanny to her cousins, so she could be at one school for the entire year.

Barb held many jobs over the years. She was a nanny, a store clerk at a department store, dishwasher, waitress, home health aide, factory worker as a seamstress and a car wire harness assembler, janitorial worker and housewife.

On July 25, 1962, she married Richard Allen Guatney. They moved to follow work as a ranch hand and eventually landed in Des Moines, where he worked as a mechanic. This was where they were first contacted by Jehovah's Witnesses on Christmas Day. The couple would study in the evenings and well into the night. They appreciated getting so many questions answered from the Bible.

While continuing to study the Bible, the couple bought property in rural Chariton. They would work during the week and spend the weekend building their house. Eventually they moved into a single room of the basement and became official residents of Chariton. Barb definitely grew roots here and never wanted to move from her house.

She lost her husband in a tragic accident in 1967. She met and later married James Montie Mortenson on Feb. 18, 1968. From this marriage two children were born, a son James "Jamie" Montie II and a daughter, Kimberly Kay.

Barb continued her study of the Bible and symbolized her dedication to Jehovah on May 17,1971. She often served as an auxiliary pioneer and was able to be a full-time pioneer for a couple of years.

Barb was always willing to help friends if she could. Whether this was with housework, rides, caregiving or just to visit.

Barb loved Jehovah's creation. She appreciated and maintained several gardens, both flowers and vegetables plus a fruit orchard. She loved animals of all sorts, Over the years, she had the typical cats and dogs, but also parakeets, doves, a lamb, goats, rabbits, a special duck named Molly, geese, ferrets and of course horses. She was passionate about horses and had several at all times until only a few years ago.

The last few years, her faithful companion was Jimmy. He was with her always at the assisted living and was able to visit her every day while at the nursing home too. Barb had many collections, horses, carousels, girl figurines, Pepsi, jewelry and was well known for wearing beautiful hats.

Barb was preceded in death by husband Richard Allen Guathey, her parents, Harry and Helen Routon, and her sisters, Harriet Sue Catlett and Linda Marie Bueoy.

She is survived by her children, James "Jamie" and Kimberly "Kim" (Donovan) Waters, two brothers, Kenneth "Kenny" Lee (Romi) Routon and Charles "Chuck" (Barb) Routon and one sister Marjorie Bowen. She's also survived by three generations of nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Fielding Funeral Home in Chariton. Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m., Friday, March 21, 2025 at the funeral home. Interment was held following the funeral at Fry Hill Cemetery in Lucas. Officiating the service was minister Dwight Kennedy and pallbearers were Tyler Knotts, Michael Waters, Paul Muller, Kevin Christensen, Brent Pederson and John M. Bueoy.

Women's Club meeting

The Chariton Women's Club will be meeting Monday, April 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Chariton Senior Center for lunch. Entertainment by the CHS Choir. Helen Enos to speak on Senior Center updates. We will be discussing scholarship information and the fundraiser.

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What's Happening *in Chariton*



April 7th
ICC Food Pantry
410 S. 7th St. Chariton
9:30am-11:15am

City Council Meeting
Chariton City Hall
5pm-6:30pm



April 8th
Inter-Church Council Board Meeting
11:30am-12:30pm

Cornerstone Food Minstry
120 Northwestern Ave.
Chariton
3:30pm-5pm

Low-Income
Carry-Out Meal
First United Methodist Church
5pm-6pm

Bingo
Chariton Senior Center
Starting at 6pm



April 9th
First United Methodist Church Thrift and Lucheon
8am-5pm

WIC
First Baptist Church
9am-5pm

ICC Food Pantry
410 S. 7th St. Chariton
9:30am-11:15am

April 10th
Chariton Public Library Board Meeting
Chariton Public Library
5:30pm-7pm

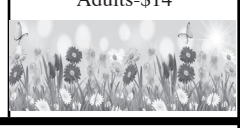
April 11th
Chariton Kiwanis Meeting
Lucas County Health Center Conference Room A
6am-7am

Coffee Club
Chariton Senior Center
8am-9:30am

ICC Food Pantry
410 S. 7th St. Chariton
9:30am-11:15am

Chariton Rotary Meeting
Lucas County Health Center Confrence Room A
12pm-1pm

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Sarcred Heart Parish Center
5pm-6:45pm
Children Ages 5 & Under-Free
Ages 6-12-$6
Adults-$14



Monthly

Crochet Club
Second and Fourth Saturdays of the month from
12:30pm-3:00pm at the Chariton Library Meeting Room.
All Experience levels welcome.

Mark Your Calendars
Community
Clean-Up Day
Wednesday May 7,2025
8:30am-12:30pm

If you have any upcoming events you would like us to put in the paper. Please feel free to reach out to the Chariton Newspaper at leressa@charitonleader.com

Register now for Stay Independent: A Healthy Aging Series

Stay Independent is a nutrition and wellbeing series offered through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for adults who are 60 and older. The program begins on April 7 in Chariton.

"Our program provides topics related to the nutrition risks and key behaviors of older Iowans through research-based nutrition and wellness information. Other topics help Iowans assess environmental factors to age in place, identify financial exploitation and fraud, and raise awareness about planning for future care and end-of-life decisions, said Cathy Drost, a health and human sciences educator.

An upcoming series will be offered on Mondays in April from 10:30-11:30 at the Chariton Senior Center located at 117 South Grand Street. The series includes; Spot, Stop and Avoid Fraud on April 7, Cooking for One or Two on April 14, Planning Ahead for Future Care on April 21, and Final Arrangements on April 28.

Registration can be completed online: www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/stay-independent or by calling the Lucas County Extension Office.

This series is being sponsored by the Lucas County Health Center with support from Lucas County Extension.

Contact Mikenzy Beaty at 641-774-2016 with questions or the Milestones Senior Center at 641-774-2821.

Chariton Senior Center Menu

Monday, March 31
Pot roast, roasted red potatoes, buttered carrots, whole grain roll, frosted cake

Tuesday, April 1
Beef patty with cooked onions, mashed potatoes, baked spinach casserole, cinnamon baked apples, garlic wheat roll

Wednesday, April 2
Chicken salad on whole wheat, corn salad, sliced cucmbers, seasonal fruit

Thursday, April 3
Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, chopped green salad, dressing, Mandarin orange cake

Friday, April 4
Panko crusted fish, steamed rice, broccoli with cheese sauce, raspberry gelatin with peaches, whole wheat bread



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