



## Barbara J. DeBaets

February 17, 1935 - February 3, 2017

Barbara J. DeBaets, 81, of Kearney, died Friday, February 3, 2017 at Mother Hull Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 am Saturday, February 11, 2017 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Elm Creek. The Reverend Dean Pofahl will officiate. Interment will be in the Elm Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

Barbara was born on February 17, 1935 in Oakland, CA to Jack and Martha (Helms) Elliott. She grew up and received her education in southern California. She was united in marriage to Robert N. Christensen in 1951. The couple made their home in California and three children were born to this marriage, Christina, Cathy and Sherry.

She later married Benjamin DeBaets. The couple made their home in Elm Creek and had two children together, Benjamin DeBaets II and Cleta. Mr. and Mrs. DeBaets owned and operated the Odessa Bar and the Elm Creek Drug Store. They later converted the drug store into a coffee shop. Barbara also worked for Alco and Burger King in Kearney. She moved to Mother Hull Home

in 2012.

Barbara enjoyed canning, raising her Pomeranian dogs and working in her garden, she was especially proud of her flower garden.

Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Headlee and husband Monte of Kearney and Sherry Bott and husband Jim of Hudson, CO; her grandchildren, Julie Long and husband Scott, Scott Sheldon and wife Roz, Rob Ryles and wife Felisa, Christina Sheldon, Stacey Salas and husband Martin, Doug McCue, Jr., Anastasia York and husband Patrick, Ashley Roalson and husband Kerry and Cody Headlee; 20 great grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; two infant daughters, Christina and Cleta and a son, Benjamin DeBaets II.

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Creek Cemetery

5100 52nd Road  
Elm Creek, NE 68836

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services - Elm Creek Chapel  
301 N. Tyler  
Elm Creek, NE 68836  
(308) 234-3500

## Funeral Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara J. DeBaets*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Remembrance:*

*Dear Cathy;*

*I have no words to express to you my sadness with the loss of your mom. The world is a lesser place without her. But I know she is with God and the Angels and even Heaven is improved by her presence there. I know, you too are sure of this and yet this knowledge can't diminish this loss and your grief.*

*With dividing respect*

*Dr. Douglas McCue Ph.D.*

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**Doug McCue** - February 09, 2017 at 06:29 AM