



## Duane Barker

April 26, 1940 - August 26, 2020

Duane Barker, 80, of Keosauqua, Iowa passed away on August 26, 2020 at Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua, Iowa. He was born on April 26, 1940 in Keosauqua, Iowa to Arnold and Ruth Gilbert Barker. Duane lived nearly his entire life in Van Buren County and graduated from Keosauqua High School.

Duane was a longtime member and served as the Church Sexton for the Keosauqua United Methodist Church. He was proud of his perfect attendance at Sunday School. Duane worked at Boyd's Grocery in Keosauqua and was a charter member of the Keosauqua Lions Club for 45 years. He always helped others when he could, was a consistent blood donor for the American Red Cross, and an avid Van Buren County Warriors fan.

He is survived by his brother, Norman Barker of Keosauqua; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold Barker and Ruth Gilbert Jones; and stepmom, Ruth Barker; a brother, Donald Barker; and three nephews, Ryne Barker, Steve Barker, and Brett Barker.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 31, 2020 at the Keosauqua United Methodist Church with Pastor Mary Kathryn Hart officiating. Burial will be at Fellows Cemetery in Keosauqua. Visitation will begin at noon on Sunday, August 30, 2020 with family present to greet friends from 2 – 4:00 p.m. at Pedrick Funeral Home – Keosauqua. The use of face masks is strongly encouraged for both the funeral service and visitation, and 6 foot social distancing guidelines must be followed. Memorial contributions in Duane's honor may be made to the Keosauqua United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be directed to [www.pedrickfuneralhome.com](http://www.pedrickfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

Fellows Cemetery

Keosauqua, IA, 52565

# Events

<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>Visitation</b>	12:00PM - 04:00PM
	Pedrick Funeral Home 1517 Broad Street, Keosauqua, IA, US, 52565	
<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>Visitation with Family Present</b>	02:00PM - 04:00PM
	Pedrick Funeral Home 1517 Broad Street, Keosauqua, IA, US, 52565	
<b>AUG 31</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	10:30AM
	Keosauqua United Methodist Church 406 Cass Street, Keosauqua, IA, US, 52565	

# Comments

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“ Kara Lewis lit a candle in memory of Duane Barker



Kara Lewis - September 01 at 09:39 AM

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“ Duane was one of the sweetest souls I have ever known. Loved the flowers on Mothers'

Day. He was a jewel and will be missed by all. Rest in Peace dear soul. See you later! God bless!



LuEtta Fulton - August 31 at 10:11 AM

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“ My sympathy to all the family & Lord wrap them in your loving arms for peace, comfort & strength to get them through these difficult times! Duane was a very nice man who helped where ever he was needed, encouraged & supported the young kids to set goals & work hard to attain them & always had a smile & words of encouragement for everyone!! He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, RIP Duane!

Janet Meek - August 31 at 02:36 AM

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“ The town of Keosauqua lost a crucial member of its community. One of the most caring and upbeat men I ever met. I hope he knows how much he was truly loved and appreciated. We will miss you Duane.

Christy Barker Wiley - August 30 at 04:36 AM



“ Mary Dickinson lit a candle in memory of Duane Barker



**Mary Dickinson** - August 29 at 03:39 AM

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“ Remembering Duane with love and deep respect. Well done, good and faithful servant.  
The Rev. Louise Westfall

**louise westfall** - August 28 at 04:54 PM

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**GENE AND LINDA STINE** - August 28 at 10:23 AM

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“ Sheila Poole lit a candle in memory of Duane Barker



**Sheila Poole** - August 28 at 09:34 AM



“ To Duane's family, my Blessings go out to you. Duane was one of the best. Always had a joke and was will to help anyone need. The world was a brighter one withe Duane in it. Prayers for you all.

**Sheila Poole** - August 28 at 09:36 AM

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“ Duane was a gift to Keosauqua. He certainly was to me personally. My earliest baseball memories were with Duane being one of my coaches when I was a Jaycee Jet pewee player -- or of working with Duane.

We were blessed to know Duane.

**Chris Brauns** - August 28 at 08:09 AM

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“ Winn Starnes family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Duane Barker.



**Winn Starnes family.** - August 27 at 09:45 PM

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“ I remember working with him at Archie's Grocery Store. He was always so kind and friendly to everyone!

**Don Morrison** - August 27 at 06:57 PM

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“ What a wonderful guy! Rest easy, "Mr. Keosauqua." You were loved by many and will be remembered by all.

Randy and Bobbie Boyd

**Bobbie and Randy Boyd** - August 27 at 06:47 PM

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“ Duane was the epitome of home town... he remembered my name each and every time I came back no matter how many years between, and by so doing, made me feel quite loved. God bless you, Duane!



“Bobbie And Randy Boyd lit a candle in memory of Duane Barker



**Bobbie and Randy Boyd** - August 27 at 06:38 PM

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“Rosemary Charbonneau lit a candle in memory of Duane Barker



**Rosemary Charbonneau** - August 27 at 06:03 PM



“What a memory Duane had; always knew my girls' birthdays & always had something for them when we shopped at Archies. He was such a caring and pleasant man. RIP Duane.

**Rosemary Charbonneau** - August 27 at 06:07 PM

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“Duane was a great Friend and Classmate and a very Proud member of the Keosauqua Methodist Church, he was so happy working at Archie's Grocery Store, always knew whom was visiting back in town from our ole School Classmates, he will certainly be missed, RIPDuane



**Marilyn M. Wiley** - August 27 at 04:51 PM

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“ Duane, Keosauqua won't be quite the same without you. I sat in church many times with you, I worked with you at Archies, nothing but good memories, my friend. Godspeed!

**Brian McNamar** - August 27 at 04:14 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Duane Barker.



August 27 at 03:27 PM

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“ Duane was always such a friendly face when we were visiting “home” from Oklahoma. He always called us by name and knew we had 3 kids and often asked about them by name. He had a memory unmatched by anyone I’ve ever known! Duane always made us feel so warm and welcomed during our visits to Archies. I’m sure heaven is rejoicing to have him “home.” “Well done, thou good and faithful servant!!”

**Melody Keller** - August 27 at 03:23 PM

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“ Matt Bartholomew lit a candle in memory of Duane Barker



**matt bartholomew** - August 27 at 02:43 PM

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“ What a joy you were to us when we came to Keo UMC! It was nice to see you again the last time I attended church. You were a generous giver of time and talent. Well done, God’s faithful servant!

**Sandy Cornish** - August 27 at 02:14 PM



“ We will all miss Duane. He was always ready to help someone. RIP Duane!

**Sandra Philips** - August 27 at 03:00 PM



“ Our family was very lucky in that Duane worked at our grocery store for over 45 years. All of our customers loved him and he loved them right back. He was the most dependable and caring person I have ever had the honor to know. He would do anything for anyone. Van Buren county lost a great person but God called him home and he is now in a better place.

**Mike Archibald** - August 27 at 03:39 PM



“ A friendly sincere and happy guy! Made our community a better place by his friendliness and smile!

**L. Verkruyse** - August 27 at 05:11 PM



“ Duane was always a smile in my life. When I would be here to hunt and shop at Archies, for a long time I thought he owned the store...his politeness was so heartwarming. He would always bring Pam flowers for Mother's Day after we moved to town. I would see him sitting in his car in the morning on my way to town, I always received a smile and a wave. I will truly miss you my friend...you really inspired my life. God received an angel back home. You changed many lives for the better Duane. Thank You for making my life (and others) BETTER

**“Cork” Battey** - August 27 at 07:12 PM



“ Keosauqua lost a great guy and friend to all. I only could wish I had his memory. He never forgot anyone or where they were now. He just loved my Granddaughter Cassi and always came out to the farm to see her when we visited.

God bless you, Duane for all the happiness you brought to all.

Susan (Gustafson) Fairman and Cassi Fairman

**Susan Gustafson Fairman** - August 27 at 07:26 PM



“ Duane was such a caring person & with such a great memory! He was in my sisters HS class & remembered her when she passed. He was so very thoughtful. Rest in Peace.

Sheri (Faulkner) Erickson

**Sheri Erickson** - August 28 at 06:06 PM