



## Alta Marie Marsh

October 23, 1946 - July 23, 2022

Alta Marie (Fogarty) Marsh, 75, of Central City, died on Saturday, July 23, 2022 after an extended battle with cancer. Celebration of Life services will be Monday, August 1, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Central City with Pastor Tom Lucas officiating. Visitation will be Monday, August 1, 2022 from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial of ashes will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date and condolences can be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Alta was the oldest child of Louis D. Fogarty and Anita M. (Alfter) Fogarty. She was born on October 23rd, 1946. She attended several schools in Illinois and Iowa, graduating from Sibley Iowa High School in 1964. She had a lifelong love of learning and continued to take various classes throughout her life.

On June 10th, 1965, she eloped to Julesburg, Colorado and married Barry V. Marsh of Neligh, Nebraska. To this union, two beautiful daughters were born, Anita Michelle in 1966 and Andrea Lynn in 1973. In 2008, Alta and Barry lost their beloved daughter Andrea to cancer.

Alta started working as a public librarian in 1970 and worked in the public libraries of Oakdale, Neligh, Humphrey and Newman Grove.

In 1986, she went back to school, eventually becoming a nationally registered paramedic. She served as an emergency medical instructor and an ambulance attendant until her retirement in 2005.

Being a paramedic was one of the great joys of Alta's life. The friends she made "on the unit" were always her second family.

She really enjoyed playing cards — anything but bridge. Cooking was a favorite pastime and she was very proud that both of her daughters became kitchen professionals.

She is survived by her husband Barry and her daughter Anita. Also remaining to remember her are her five siblings, Pat (Brenda) of Glen Burnie, MD; Rod (Kathy) of Fairbury, IL; Kevin of Gardner, IL; Colleen (Alan) Metzke of Johnston City, IL; and Kerry (Lisa) of LeRoy, IL as well as sisters-in-law Pat Decker of Tilden, NE; Carla Schwahn of Seward, NE and Jacque (Skog) and husband Paul of Evanston, WY, along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

She will be welcomed to her eternal home by daughter Andie, her parents, Barry's parents, nephew Kaleb and brother-in-law Richard Schwahn.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church, Central City

## Celebration of Life

AUG 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church, Central City

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss. Alta was enough older that I didn't see her often but remember her as a beautiful wise woman.

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**Tutti Davis** - July 27, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Alta's passing. I have many wonderful childhood memories of hanging out with my older cousin. She was a smart, beautiful lady. My my condolences to her entire family.

*Marcia Sandford  
Flowery Branch, GA*

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**Marcia Sandford** - July 26, 2022 at 11:14 PM



“ So very sorry to hear this sad news. I always looked up to her when I was a kid. Pretty, smart, oh so fun, older cousin. I'll always cherish the memories.

*Vickie Fogarty  
Pontiac, IL*

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**Vickie Fogarty** - July 26, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ Barry and family,  
Sending our sincere sympathy and prayers, May God give you comfort and strength during this difficult time.

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**Dennis & Roxanne Salyers Ryan** - July 26, 2022 at 09:38 AM

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“ I enjoyed working with Alta at the Tilden Public Library. She taught me so much and we had some great times. My sympathies to Barry and family, prayers for comfort and peace at this sad time.

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**Jeanmarie Shermer** - July 25, 2022 at 09:12 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to Alta's family and friends. Alta taught my EMT class in 2000-2001, and we became fast friends after. Many an afternoon and on into the evening VERY competitive dominoes games were had, along with iced tea. Such a wonderful wonderful lady.

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**Sue Meyer** - July 25, 2022 at 06:24 PM

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“ Julie and I were sorry to hear of Alta's death. Have many memories of our road time together on the ambulance, but the best one was at mealtime in Lincoln when she reached across the table and stuck her finger in my strawberry syrup to have a taste. Then as soon as she realized what she did, she said "we spend too much time together". Our prayers and thoughts are with you Barry, Anita and the rest of the family.

*Dick and Julie Smithson*

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**Dick and Julie Smithson** - July 25, 2022 at 06:00 PM