



Barbara Ann Sauve

November 21, 1940 - September 7, 2023

Barbara Ann Sauve
Midland, Michigan

Our loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at home with her family by her side. Barbara Ann (Christian) Sauve was born on November 21, 1940, in Bay City, Michigan, to the late Louis and Rayphilia (Johnson) Christian. She was married to Edward "Skip" Sauve and he predeceased her on September 17, 2004. Barb is survived by her children; Brenda (Rayford) Jones, Carol "Sam" (Doug) Dutton, Teri (Michael) Collver, LouAnn (Aaron) Holland, Helen (Gary O'Neil) McKee, Harry (Yvonne Swiercz) Sauve, Sandy (David) Dabrowski, Tina (Paul) Farmer, William Sauve, and daughter-in-law Edie Sauve, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Barb will be dearly missed by her best buddies Joan Lawrence, Judy Shooltz, Judy DePeal, Lois & "PITA" Jerry Krueger, and Sally McCollum. She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Jack Christian and Shirley Graver. Also welcoming her home were her grandsons, Joseph Greene, Adam Sauve; stepsons, Ed Sauve and Sheldon Sauve, and in-laws Russell and Lucille Sauve.

Barb received her certificate in nursing in 1968. After her retirement as an LPN, she worked for Bay County Division on Aging as a Dining Site Manager.

When Skip passed away in 2004, she went to work at Midland Walmart to occupy her time. That turned into one of the best decisions of her life; it was where she formed many long-lasting friendships with coworkers and customers alike.

Barb's greatest joy in life was her family; their happiness her greatest reward. She was so full of love for every person she met, that those who knew her, loved her right back just as much. There were no strangers in her world; just friends she hadn't met yet. She invited Walmart customers to holiday dinners, picked up people on the side of the road, and her door was always open. The love and kindness Barb showed to others, will forever remain her legacy.

In accordance with Barb's wishes, cremation has taken place. The family is planning a Celebration of Life at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, November 25, 2023, at the Sanford American Legion Hall, 2080 N. Meridian Road, Sanford, MI. If you would like to make a contribution, please consider a donation to one of Barb's favorite charities; The Megan Mae Foundation, or Versiti Blood Centers of Michigan. Those wishing to express their memories and sympathies of Barb may share them on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Sanford American Legion Post #443
2080 N. Meridian Road
Sanford, MI

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Barb was one of the most amazing coworkers and friends anyone ask for. She was so much fun to be around. Barb even knew my mom. I am so saddened to hear of her passing.

Michele Lee - September 25, 2023 at 03:56 PM

BR

“ Sending my sympathy to Barb’s family members. She was a special lady and will be missed. Becky Reimann

Becky Reimann - September 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

JB

“ So many memories of this great family that I lost touch with most after my days of a milkman. Condolences to All the girls and hopefully see you sometime

Jeff Bouza - September 18, 2023 at 05:26 PM

MB

“ I will surely miss Barb! She was such a delight to be around! I enjoyed my visits with her at The Happy Place. 🙏’s for the family because they were very close to her.

RI.P.Barb! 🌸💖💜👉💖💖💖💚🖤👉



Margaret Brewer - September 11, 2023 at 01:23 PM

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“ Barb lived around the corner from me. I visited her often ,she had just started nursing school. She was always ready to talk or just listen. She was my cousin ,my mentor. I was so impressed by her ability to be a mother going to school to be a nurse. I know whoever knew her loved her in different ways, but my way was the best.

Catherine Wyatt (,Painter) - September 11, 2023 at 09:05 AM

SD

“ Barb was a kind, caring woman . She enjoyed life to the fullest and always greeted with a smile. She will be missed. She remains in my heart!
RIP Barb!
Fondly,
Dave and Sandy Dabrowski

Sandy&Dave Dabrowski - September 10, 2023 at 09:48 PM

DS

“ This world lost a kindred soul with the passing of Barb or as we knew her as Lou's Mom. She was a joy to stop and chat with while shopping at Walmart...sure miss that little chuckle of hers. Such a kindred soul....

Derek SHEPARD - September 10, 2023 at 07:27 PM