



Barbara J. Trautman

February 27, 1941 - May 6, 2024

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Barbara (Barb) passed away peacefully on Monday May 6, 2024, at Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe, Michigan. Barb was born in Saginaw, Michigan on February 27, 1941, to the late Arnold and Adella (Kapitzke) Trautman. Barb resided in Saginaw her entire life, graduating from Saginaw High School in 1959. After graduation Barb worked at the Sunshine Bakery, where she learned to make the best chocolate chip cookies in the world. Barb would always laugh when we could not get the recipe just right. After perfecting the cookie recipe, Barb started her career at St. Luke's Hospital, retiring after 33 years. In her years at the hospital, Barb found that the pediatric wing was her favorite in the hospital. Barb loved caring for the children and found herself babysitting for her friends Charlie and Kelly and their son Ryan on the weekends. Barbara was kind, tenderhearted, and was always the first one to light up a room with laughter.

Barbara loved her family including her beloved partner Harold Dierich of 46 years. Harold and Barb were together until his death in April of 2015. Barb filled her time with a love of travel. Barb and her mother Della traveled far and wide. Barb also enjoyed travel with special friends, Hugo and Donna. Barb along with Donna and Hugo would go for long road trips, one of many, was

the color tours in the fall of the year, visiting every casino along the way. Barb had the knack for slots and loved sitting at the penny slots for hours. Barb also dabbled in quilt making, but her real God given talent was working her crochet hooks. She would make afghan blankets for all her loved ones. If you were fortunate enough to sit and laugh with a good chocolate chip cookie you would soon find out all about what she could make for you, it would most likely have her favorite color purple in her creation somewhere. Barb wore her favorite color purple, in her shoes, clothes and purses. Barb also was a devoted member of her church, and to her church family. She loved to give and loved to share the chores of taking care of the church.

Barbara is survived by her Godson Allen Collison (Mary) of Pigeon; Cousin Dorothy Rummel of Pigeon. Many nieces and nephews from Bad Axe, Saginaw, and Pigeon Michigan.

A Celebration of Barbara's life will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48602, with Rev. Michael Korte officiating. A private burial for family will take place at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Friends are welcome to visit at the church on Saturday, for one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Memories and sympathies of Barb may be shared with the family on her memorial website at Wakemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 N. Center Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Saginaw, MI 48602

Celebration of Life

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