



Barbara E. Birberick

July 22, 1928 - May 28, 2020

Loving Mother and Grandmother, Barbara Elaine Birberick, age 91, of Northville, Michigan passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Henry Ford Hospital. She was born on July 22, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan, a daughter of Lorne Herrington and Hazel Herrington. Barbara was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years, Alvin Birberick. Barbara was a very strong woman. She loved everyone, enjoyed talking on the phone, decorating and sewing, spending time with her family and friends, especially with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved spending her summers on the shores of Lake Michigan in her summer home. Barbara is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James Birberick and Jan Birberick; her daughter and son-in-law, Joan Murray and Patrick Murray; her five grandchildren, Brad Birberick, Phil Birberick, Meaghen Murray, Michael Murray, and Matthew Murray; and her five great-grandchildren, Madison Birberick, Owen Birberick, Weston Birberick, Ivy Birberick, and Cora Birberick. She also leaves many other family members and friends who will deeply miss her. Interment Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Tribute Wall

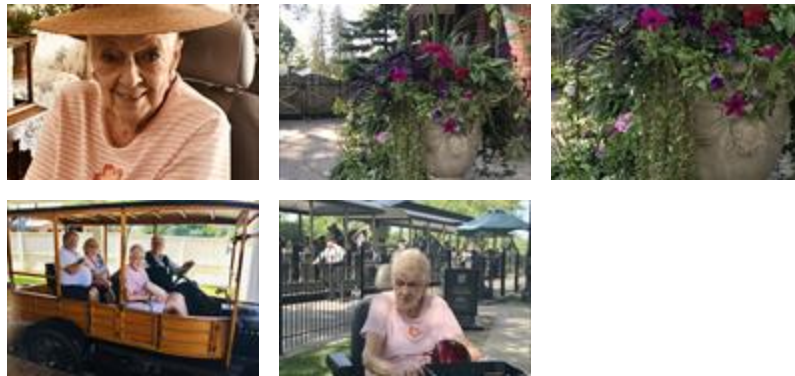
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“ *Joan.... I was just thinking about you today (as I often have over the last 44 years), and I thought I'd try and find you... instead I found this. I'm so very sorry for the loss of both your parents... I loved them so much. My very best memories of my childhood are with you and your family on Driftwood beach. Praying for your family.*
Beth (Essenberg) Rhoden

Beth Rhoden - March 24, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Candice Cubba - June 11, 2020 at 07:21 PM

LA

“ *I have known Mrs. Birberick my entire life. My fondest memories are of Lake Michigan and she was integral to those adventures. Either sharing her home when I was a child, or giving me the opportunity to share her home with my own children. She was a wonderful, loving, exuberant presence and she will be sorely missed.*

Leslie Accardo - June 04, 2020 at 03:24 PM



Thank you for your kind words.

Jan Birberick - June 15, 2020 at 05:02 PM



Your mom was truly amazing! We grew up on Driftwood Beach renting houses up and down the street and always making our way to her house, the Messingslayers, and others. May she rest in peace.

Laura - March 06 at 12:23 AM

BP

“ I am devastated to hear about Barbara passing away. I can't imagine not being able to pick up the phone to call her. We first met Barbara and Al through Mary and John Messingschlager. Mary and I grew up together and encouraged us to start going to Lake Michigan when our children were babies. Even though Barbara never rented their home on Lake Michigan she took a chance with us and we either rented their place or one of the other places she would find for us right there on Driftwood Beach, at the same time Mary and family were up there. Barbara wanted to be up there with all of us at the same time to join in the fun.

So for over 50 years, Barbara has been my friend, too, and each of our daughters have rented her summer home in the last several years. They have such great memories of Lake Michigan and Mrs. "B". Our daughter, Laura, lives in Houston now, but she and her family have a house just a couple of miles down the beach from Barbara's place for all of us to enjoy.

Barbara helped me with decorating and sewed many things for us. Her work was so professional, but it also had heart and soul sewed in to everything she made.

In our English Tudor home Barbara was going to make the valances for 8 windows in our dining room. When she decided the job was too monumental she was so conscientious she hunted down a shop that could make them for us so we weren't disappointed. She could be always counted on to do what she promised. There are many dear memories but that one is my fondest. I am so glad she was in my life and I am so proud and pleased to have known her and her family. I know Barbara had great Christian faith and I am happy she is with her beloved Al in heaven. Mary and Barbara can go running into the lake and hit those fabulous waves just like we all used to do. God bless you; I am really going to miss you.

Barbara and David Peterson

Barbara Peterson - June 01, 2020 at 01:17 PM



My friend died of a broken heart.

Candice Cubba - June 02, 2020 at 10:29 AM



Barb died of a broken heart

Candice Cubba - June 02, 2020 at 10:30 AM



Barbara, she talked about you and your family many many times and loved you very much. Thank you for your kind words. Jan Birberick (daughter in law)

Jan Birberick - June 15, 2020 at 05:01 PM

CC

“ *My dear friend. Hope Joan doesn't remove this.*

c cubba - June 01, 2020 at 02:34 AM

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“ *You were a friend for fifty years. You taught me so much. You were my second mom. Wish I would have been here. So glad and thankful your friend Susan took care of your needs during the pandemic. My maid of honor. My friend. Your great grandchildren are adorable. We had so much fun with you. You will never be forgotten. John was looking forward to more projects for you this year.*

Love you so much.

John and Candy

candice cubba - May 31, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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“ *We will miss you Mrs. B*

candice cubba - May 31, 2020 at 07:01 PM

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“ *Barb you were my other mother. We have been friends for fifty years. We raised our kids together. You taught me so many things. Sewing and decorating. You were very special. I only wish I could have been here to help you out during the pandemic. Thank God for Susan. I know you were so lonely. Thank goodness for the phone. John and I loved helping you out with different projects. We were looking forward to driving you to your cottage again this year. We have so many happy times in our memory book. I'm grateful for you being my maid of honor. Mostly I'm grateful for our fifty year friendship. God bless you. God bless Jim and his family. A great son.*

Love Candy

candice Cubba - May 31, 2020 at 04:13 PM



Candy, you were a good friend to Barb and she loved you very much. Thank you for your kind words. Jan

Jan Birberick - June 15, 2020 at 05:04 PM

LT

“ *Barbara was amazing for as long as I can remember her from childhood summers on Lake Michigan. My family knew her and the family through the Messingslagers who lived near them on Lake Michigan. We not only rented their cottage when my sister and I were babies, but we also rented it just a few years ago with our own kids. Barbara remained sharp, vibrant, busy, talented, and always lovely; we were always amazed at how active she was and how she continued to travel back and forth to the Lake.*

We were so blessed to know her for all these years. Our deepest sympathies to her children and grandchildren.

Laura Torgerson (Peterson)

Laura N Torgerson - May 31, 2020 at 02:23 PM



Thank you for your memories.

Jan Birberick - June 15, 2020 at 05:02 PM

SM

“ *We moved into the neighborhood 8 years ago. Barbara was one of the first people to greet us. We fell in love with her instantly. She always enjoyed calling and sharing stories with us. She delighted in attending our annual Christmas Party. Our dear friend, you will be missed greatly. Our tears still have not dried up. We love you.*



Stephen and Joanne MacKenzie - May 30, 2020 at 06:27 PM

JB

I was blessed to have Barb as my mother in law for the past 45 years. She welcomed me into the family with open arms and we grew to be not only friends but after my own mother passed away, Barb filled the void. I will miss her smile, her laughter and her love. Rest in peace ❤️

J birberick - May 31, 2020 at 11:31 PM

JH

“ *I am a neighbor with a home in court two. My bedroom window looks out to Barbara’s bedroom window in court three and I always looked for her bedroom light to shine around 10:00 pm. I would tease her, if she stayed up later, telling her that she was missing her “beauty sleep”.*

I will miss chatting with her on the phone (both in Novi and while we were at our respective northern cottages).

She was a wonderfully good natured and caring lady and adored by many.

Jan Harms-Wilkins - May 30, 2020 at 01:14 PM



Thank you for your kind words.

Jan Birberick - June 15, 2020 at 05:05 PM