



Barbara Dean Balentine

April 9, 1941 - March 6, 2018

Barbara Dean Balentine, 76, of Traverse City, MI died Tuesday, March 06, 2018 at her home.

Barbara was born on April 9, 1941 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, the daughter of Donald Edward and Lillian Charlotte (Stair) Grosskopf. She was raised in LaCrosse and graduated from LaCrosse Central High School in 1959. She married Wayne Papenfuss in LaCrosse on Sept. 17, 1960 and he preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 1962. On January 21, 1966, she married Rex Balentine in LaCrosse. He preceded her in death on March 12, 2010.

Barbara was a strong, stoic, generous, energetic and fun person. She enjoyed working at Nugent's Hallmark store for many years, as well as shopping and attending her granddaughter Addi's softball games. Barbara enjoyed being a part of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, as well as volunteering her time at Munson Medical Center and the Cowell Family Cancer Center. She especially enjoyed time spent with family and friends.

Barbara is survived by her sons, Steven Donald (Beth) Balentine of Williamsburg, MI; Bradley James (Corinna) Balentine of Traverse City; MI and her grandchildren, Peter Ryan (Desiree) Balentine of Traverse City and Addison Balentine of Traverse City. In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Donna Mauer.

At her request, no formal services will be held. Burial will be in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens in Traverse City, MI.

For a more lasting memorial, the family suggests that monetary gifts to remember Barbara be directed to the Traverse City Senior Center Building Fund, 801 E. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49686 or to the Women's Cancer Fund, c/o Munson Regional Healthcare Foundation, 1150 Medical Campus Dr., Traverse City, MI 49684.

Please share your memories of Barbara with her family by visiting her online tribute page

at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

Cemetery

Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens

3575 Veterans Drive

Traverse City, MI, 49684

Comments



“ I was a neighbor of Barbara and i remember that she made pudding pops for me and She will be missed



Ashley Van Vurst - May 17, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ Barb and I, Arlene (Nubbe) Dreves, were good friends in high school. We had many good times and sleep overs. There were 14 us us girls that 'ran around together', our senior year, Graduating in 1959 from La Crosse Central High School. Barb, Carla and I were quite close. I was in her and Baldie's wedding, along with Carla and Donna. And, what a fun time we all had in MN. I remember when you were born, Steve, going to see you at their home in MN, Barb was SO proud of you. Shortly after that, Baldie got sick, we all were SO sad. I talked to Barb before our 50th Class Reunion, not knowing if Rex was sick at that time or not. And, I did not know Barb was sick after that too. You all have my deepest sympathy. God Bless you all during this difficult time. Much Love, Arlene

Arlene Dreves - March 13, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ I'am really at a loss for words. All of us who were fortunate enough to know Barb will always remember her as kind hearted, warm, caring and smiling, always smiling. Barb was a joy to be around. Working with Barb always left you feeling like you did something good. You made a difference in a day. She always gave 110% . If you were with her at work or on the street she made you feel like she was so happy to see you There are people in this world that make a difference, they make the world a brighter, warmer, happier place. Barb was that person.

diane nugent - March 12, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ I shared this on my Facebook page: I never knew her name but I will miss her. For 40 years I frequented Nugent's Hallmark in Traverse City. I was the "queen" of cards and they also sold me all manner of gifts for family members and friends. I stopped sending greeting cards after Charlie's diagnosis (who knows why) but now and then I stop at Nugent's, wander through and look for inspiration. I always find the perfect gift. This wonderful woman waited on me more times than I can count. She was always smiling, helpful, went out of her way. She was so young for 76. Their other employees are much the same, friendly and helpful, but this woman stood out. I wish that I had told her.

Karen Fredrickson - March 10, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ To a Great Lady and Good Friend. You have already Joined Rex in Heaven. Enjoy Eternity Together. We all Love You and Miss You . My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is with You.

From,
Dave and Evelyn and Heather and Dave Jr Black

Dave & Evelyn Black - March 10, 2018 at 09:19 AM