



Barbara Harbison

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Decatur ' Barbara Ann Harbison, 71 of Decatur, passed away at 12:04am Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at home with her family by her side.

Visitation services for Barbara will be held at 1:00pm Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, IL, for Family and Friends. The Memorial Service to celebrate Barbara's life will be held at 2:00pm, following the visitation, conducted by Chaplain Tim Haworth. Memorials are suggested to be given to 'Come Together Let's Walk Breast Cancer Foundation'.

Barbara was born on January 3, 1941 in Fredericktown, MO., a daughter of Jessie and Lola Inman. Barbara married Gerald E. Harbison on May 5, 1961, while working at IBM in St. Louis. She later left IBM to become a homemaker and raise her family. They moved to Mt. Zion, IL in 1970, where she was very involved in the community and surrounded herself with many great friends. Utilizing her talents in the kitchen, Barb also worked in food service at the Decatur Vocational School, teaching students in the culinary field, while working Creative Catering, which she and her husband Jerry owned and operated. She later worked at ADM cooking for the executives in the private kitchen. For a short time, Barb used her sales and decorating abilities at Von Maur and Sears in Decatur.

Surviving are her husband Jerry, daughter Gayle and wife Amelia of Decatur, son Geoff and wife Shan of Mt. Zion, grandchildren Bradley and Joie, brothers Donald R. Inman and Marge Reynolds of Springfield, MO and Gary E. Inman and Pam of Fredericktown, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents and special Aunt Mac and Uncle Benny Weissenborn of Hot Springs Village, AK.

Words cannot express the gratitude the family has for the loving care and attention given to Barbara by the staff at Harbor Lights Hospice, Hands Across America and Addus. They will be forever grateful.



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CN

Carlene And Jc Nashland posted:

To Barb's family. We are sorry for your loss. We send our prayers.

January 31 at 10:32 AM

BH

Barbara Harbison posted:

so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. i can totally feel your pain. i will keep you and your family in my prayers.debbie (lutterbach) peters

January 28 at 6:55 PM

KB

Kathy Broaddus posted:

Geoff, I used to work with you at JL Hubbard. When I saw your mother's obituary, I wanted to express my sympathy to you and to your family. My prayers will be with you as you grieve this loss and as you remember all the wonderful times you have had with your mother. May God bless you richly.

January 28 at 11:30 AM

DW

Don & Judy Womack posted:

To live in the hearts we leave behind is to never die. God Bless you Barb.

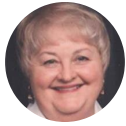
January 28 at 8:39 AM

JS

James Shuppara posted:

Gayle, I am very sorry to see that you have lost your mother. I know that it is a tough time for you and your family. God Bless, Jim

January 27 at 3:27 PM



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LG

Lon And Sharon Gaither posted:

Jerry and family, where do I begin. Barb came into my life more than 30 years ago. She was a wonderful friend that God carefully placed in my life. Her bright shining, smiling face will be in my memory forever. The laughter that we shared was never ending and I can hear her laugh every day. She was always there for me when I had my own health problems and gave me so much support in the struggles last year that I had with my mother. She was so very brave and never complained. She fought a courageous battle to the end which was such an inspiration to us all. I'm so glad that we were able to take the trip to French Lick in November and in her last days that we could share precious memories. Thank you, Barb, for being part of my life such a long time. We love you and will miss you so very much. Memories will be held near and dear to our hearts. If I listen closely, I can hear the rustle of angel wings and I know that you are still with us.

January 27 at 8:24 AM

SH

Sue Goodrich Haynes posted:

Jerry, Gayle, Jeff and families. I am so sorry Barbara lost this battle, she put up a hard and long fight. Even when a person is very ill, that doesn't lessen the pain that is felt when they leave. A lot of years we were not in touch with each other except through aunt Lola. I remember going with my grandmother to visit them at the dairy farm, always enjoyed being with her. I know she was always devoted to you Jerry your family and friends. Jerry, I was so happy to be with you and Barbara on your anniversary. I could see how much she was loved by you, her family and friends!

January 26 at 5:17 PM

SW

Sue & Don Woodard posted:

Words cannot express the sadness we feel about the loss of our wonderful friend Barb. We will never forget the fun we have had over the years and knowing Barb has enriched our lives. She was good hearted, funny, loving and we will never forget all the comical things she did and said. During her illness, she was a strong fighter of this devastating disease, but she never lost her humor. She left all of us way too early in life. I will miss having lunch with her, Sharon & Linda....and it will never be the same. We love you Barb! I know you have a smile on your face now that you are in heaven! All our love, Sue & Donnie

January 26 at 9:54 AM



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AB

Angi Brown posted:

Jerry, Gayle and Geoff:I am so sorry to hear the news of Barb's passing. I have so many happy memories of living next door to your family in Mt. Zion. Barb was always smiling and a joy to know. My thoughts and prayers will be with those who loved her. God Bless. Angi Brown

January 26 at 9:38 AM

PI

Pam Inman posted:

Jerry, Gayle, Jeff and family:My heart goes out to each of you at this sad and difficult time. Your mom was a wonderful person, so full of life and energy and Boy, could she cook! She amazed me with all that she accomplished and the trips she and your dad went on during her illness. I didn't get to see her often, but when I did, I never once heard her complain. Love to all of you. Aunt Pam

January 25 at 11:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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