



Barbara M. Bechard

June 1, 1931 - September 29, 2021

Barbara M. Bechard, age 90, of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

She was born June 1, 1931 in Kankakee, the daughter of Reginald & Hazel Le Master Arthur.

Barbara married Earl Bechard on June 28, 1958 at The Chicago Temple. He preceded her in death.

Barbara was a deputy circuit clerk for Kankakee county for 18 years. She had also worked at Bear Brand Hosiery for 11 years.

Barbara was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee and the Kankakee County Humane Foundation. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, crafting, and doing puzzles. She was a lover and supporter of all animals.

Surviving are nieces and nephews, Mike (Mary) Birr of Kankakee, Steve (Sally) Birr of Bourbonnais, Ruth (Tom) Denoyer of Kankakee, Lori Jones of Manteno, Kevin (Rhonda) Arthur of Bradley, Gary (Yvonne) Arthur of New Mexico, Lonnie (Kris) Arthur of Bourbonnais, Karen Boward Lard of New Mexico, Linda (Terry) Allen of Chalmers, IN; and one sister, Doris Birr of Kankakee.

In addition to her husband, Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Harry Arthur; and one sister, Ruth Hare.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Rev. Scott Henley will officiate the ceremony.

Interment will follow at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation or Sun Rise Farms.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara M. Bechard*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *My Deepest sympathy to your family. I always enjoyed the time we spent together. Barb loved to laugh and I respected her honesty and the fact that she always gave it to you straight. She was the reason we were able to get our first dog, Serena. She was a great animal advocate and dedicated a lot of years to KCHF. Barb loved all animals and I hope she is surrounded by hers now. I agree with Sheryl, she was a beautiful person!*

Donna Woolard - October 09, 2021 at 09:28 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of this sweet lady's passing! I would like to share a memory that only a few may know. I met her at American Lutheran Church where she visited mostly around holidays with her family. I play piano there, and Barbara would consistently seek me out after the service to tell me how much she enjoyed the music. She was a kind and genuine encourager. She was a music-lover. After several conversations, she asked me if I would be willing to give her piano lessons, but she was very insistent that she didn't want anyone to know. Of course, I said yes (and now I feel released to let you know!) She shared that as a teenager she had played piano and excelled! She was interested in getting some of that ability back. We had such pleasant lesson times revisiting the piano and getting to know one another until her eyesight became an issue. She was a bright spot in my life. May God bless her family and friends and the memories of such a beautiful person!

Sheryl Martin

Sheryl Martin - October 07, 2021 at 05:45 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Barbara. We were saddened to hear of her passing. We got to know Barb fairly well after spending many years of sitting near her as members of the "balcony crew" at Asbury. She always had a great story to tell or "words of wisdom" to share. Even after we retired and moved to Tennessee a few years ago, we stayed in touch. We will miss her dearly.

Carol and Bill Tammen - October 03, 2021 at 04:00 PM

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“ It sadden my heart to hear of the passing of my Aunt Barbara, I will miss our dinner dates that we would go on and we would always go to Texas Roadhouse, she loved eating there. We always tried to get her to come to Naples, Florida when we where here for the winter, but I don't think she liked the idea of flying alone. Though we didn't see her often, we did always keep in touch. May she Rest In Peace. God Bless Aunt Barbara 🙏🙏.

Your niece Pam Gall and Husband Jim 💕💕

Pam Gall - October 02, 2021 at 04:57 PM