



## Barbara J Gaunce

June 2, 1934 - September 12, 2020

Barbara J. Gaunce, 86, of Bradley passed away September 12, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center. She was born June 2, 1934 in Sheldon, IL to Howard Faye and Elvera Isabelle (Johnson) Stump. Barbara was raised in the Sheldon and Watseka area. She married Edward "Ed" Gaunce August 10, 1997 in Kankakee, IL.

Barbara was a machine operator for John Manville/ Riverwood International. She was a strong Christian and a member of College Church of the Nazarene and attended First Church of the Nazarene. Barbara was a proud and devoted mother of 5, grandmother and great grandmother. She enjoyed reading, coloring, collecting frogs and was a St. Louis Cardinals fan.

She is survived by her husband, Edward of Bradley, 3 sons; Jeff Lade of Rantoul, David "Gonzo" Lade of Iowa City, IA and Joseph "Bear" Lade of Bloomington, 2 daughters; Michele "Shelley" Carter of Normal, IL and Kristina Lade of Manteno, 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister and brother-in-law; Jennifer (Harold) Morris and a brother and sister-in-law; Don (Suzy) Callahan all of LaFayette, IN.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents and a sister Bettyjane Hulse.

Due to covid 19 restrictions a private funeral service will be held at a later

date. Burial will take place at Sheldon Cemetery.

Memorials in Barbara's name may be made to Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Please sign her online guestbook at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Sheldon Cemetery**

Sheldon, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara J Gaunce*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



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**Jeff Lade** - October 27, 2021 at 01:04 PM



*Not my music . Sisters Michelle Carter and Kristina Lade collection.Plus a few I am sure from Aunts and Grammy. Maybe even Uncle Don.*

**Jeff Lade** - October 27, 2021 at 01:07 PM



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**Jeff Lade** - November 26, 2020 at 10:57 PM

Jeff  
Lade

“ Jeff Lade lit a candle in memory of Barbara J  
Gauce



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Jeff Lade - November 26, 2020 at 10:54 PM

Jeff  
Lade

“ It was Mom ,my brother David and living on Industrial Ave until about 1963 with my late Aunt Betty Jane Hulse and family. Until my Dad was done with Army and Berlin Conflict. Mom was my best friend from day one.Poor women played football with me. She taught where middle c was even before Joe my little brother showed up. She was tough but gave more love then getting it back.

She's just east of Grandpa Stump. That's appropriate because she was looking forward to watching Cubbies with Great Grandpa Joe Stump. I would rather have had my Mom and Grandpa Stump with me in the service because they were stronger than 90% than the people on main side. Mom got her strict devotion from Grammy but I think the simple faith of thankfulness was from Granpa Stump. She lived her Irish side alot even though the Swedish side insisted there's not enough to worry about. Well my gigantic head ,huge ears and wavy hair would disagree. This is the worst Thanksgiving since 86. I miss her everyday but looking forward to fishing for pike in better unpolluted water. Then watching her eat half after saying she wouldn't like it 😊

Rest easy Mom fishing and better music soon enough. Rest assured you were loved by anyone with a decent brain. Those who didn't were stupid . God bless Bach, John Deere Green, and your blessed family reunion .You'll like new video more. Not my music 🐕

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Jeff Lade - November 26, 2020 at 01:27 PM

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“ My mother was a very strong willed kind Christian woman. Like most mothers she passed many life lessons to her children. I was the oldest daughter and was her shadow for most of my childhood. Mama always me pushed me to be strong. Being a single parent to three children it became a valueable tool. As I watched her aged during visits the last few years my strength was tested many times. During her last few months of her life my sister Kristina had to go to Hawaii so I came to Kankakee to take care of her. All of the prayers I have said for her and Edward throughout the years really prepared me to be ready for the hardest most enjoyable months of my entire life. To illustrate what a devoted caring mother she was the night I had just gotten her home from being in the emergency room I had just gotten her tucked in bed and went out to the living room so I could get some rest. I tried real hard to be strong but my fears got the best of me and tears started flowing. My mother had managed to get herself out of bed and put herself in her wheel chair and came in the dark living room. When she spoke she nearly gave me a heart attack. Once I caught my breathe I asked, " Why are you up, Mama?" She said, "Because I knew you needed me." My mother often went without to help others and that was her greatest joy. Helping Others. I will be forever grateful for the time I had taking care of my mother. We had so many special moments and conversations. I just wish I could have learned one thing she never taught me....how to live without her. I will honor her and be strong, but it is hard. I truly appreciate all the prayers from those that have prayed for her and our family. Mama, someday we will finish our card game so keep that tea kettle ready. I know you and your friend Jesus are having lots of conversations. Someday I will join you. I will always love you,  
Your Shelley

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**Michele Carter** - November 12, 2020 at 05:50 AM



JL

*Great job Spot. You'll have to go to score Exchange to see mine. Mom taught me middle C. How to count to 100 before 1st grade. Mom was my best friend and teacher. Looking forward to watching Cubs lose with her. I know the music is gonna be awesome !*

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**Jeff Lade** - November 24, 2020 at 10:53 AM



Robert Bigler

“ *Since I had work at Riverwood back in the 80's till its closing.....I would see Barb on a daily walk back to Printing Dept. She was always so friendly & just a great person. She will truly be missed. My condolences to Ed, who I had the pleasure to work with on the Printing Press. God Bless. Bob Bigler.*

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**Robert Bigler** - September 16, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ *Barb was a very good employee. I knew from working with her that she had strong faith, and a deep love of family. I was very happy that she and Ed had each other in their golden years. With sympathy, Barb LeClair Lee.*

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**Barbara Lee** - September 16, 2020 at 01:41 PM



PC

“ *PRAISE...THE LORD...BARB WAS A WONDERFUL MOTHER ...GRANDMOTHER ...GREAT GRANDMOTHER ...TRULY LOVED BY HER FAMILY ...CHRISTINE ...HER DAUGHTER ...LOVED AND TOOK CARE OF HER ..GOD BLESS ...A WONDERFUL DAUGHTER ...SHE LIVED WHAT THE WORD SAID ...HONOR THY MOTHER... YOUR MOTHER WAS BLESSED TO HAVE A DAUGHTER LIKE HER ...PEACE OF GOD ....*

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**PAMELA CRUMP** - September 14, 2020 at 04:22 PM



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**Sami Clay** - September 14, 2020 at 12:59 PM