



Barbara Leigh Harro

August 10, 1928 - November 14, 2025

Barbara L. Harro, age 97, of Kankakee passed away Friday, November 14, 2025, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She was born August 10, 1928, in Galesburg, IL, the daughter of B. Everett & Nelle (Shover) Leigh. Barbara married Thomas S. Harro on June 27, 1950, in London Mills, IL. He preceded her in death on October 19, 2021.

Barbara was a retired Psychologist. She graduated from Wheaton College with her B.S., Roosevelt University with her M.A., and Chicago School of Professional Psychology for her Psy.D. Barbara had her own practice and had also worked at the Kankakee State Hospital, Riverside Medical Center, and the Helen Wheeler Center. She was a member of the Kankakee Kultivators and served as past president and Chairman of the Veterans Memorial at the Small Museum. Barbara enjoyed gardening. She played piano, sang, and recited poetry. She was a member of a book club and a bridge club. Most of all, Barbara loved family gatherings.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Harro Steffen (Steven Wirth) of Kankakee and Dr. Peggy Leigh Harro of Evergreen, CO; one son, Stephen Paul Harro (Darci Kurtak) of Idledale, CO; five grandchildren, Dr. Heather (Ray) Packingham of Arvada, CO, Matthew R. (Chrissy) Steffen of Kankakee, Michael R. Steffen (Matt Powers) of Lakewood, CO, Mark Harro (Alli Love) of Denver, CO, and Jacquie Harro (Emily Deleff) of Denver, CO; five great-grandchildren, Otis Packingham, Adora Packingham, Chase Grayling-Steffen, Brycen Steffen, and Journey Steffen. In addition to her husband, Thomas S.

Harro, Barbara is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Bonita Leigh Pitman.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the time of the 4 p.m. memorial service on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Rev. Dave Kylo will officiate the service. Inurnment will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee Kultivators.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

DEC 3. 4:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *We had wonderful times on Sanibel with Barb. Meg & Donna*

Meg Born - February 22 at 03:31 AM

LS

“ *Barb Harro was my supervisor for seven years at the Mental Health Center. She was my mentor. What a life well lived. God bless her family.*

Laura Salzman - November 26, 2025 at 12:10 AM

JG

“ *Joe And Barbara Geisler lit a candle in memory of Barbara Leigh Harro*



Joe and Barbara Geisler - November 18, 2025 at 08:56 PM