



Barbara Brandhandler

September 29, 1936 - June 6, 2022

Barbara Brandhandler (aka Barbara Jean or Redheaded Barb), age 85, passed away on June 6, 2022. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 29, 1936, where she grew up and eventually moved to Hammond, IN, where she raised her family and worked at the University of Chicago where she retired from. She loved spending time with her family and friends and watching all her grandchildren grow. She enjoyed the beach and loved shopping, ice cream and eating out as well as doing puzzles and going to the park with the kids. She is survived by her daughters: Donna (Allen) Russell, Linda Brandhandler, Terri (Tom) Marciniac; grandchildren: Abbey Bryant (late Nick Mullins), Dillon Russell (Ashley Robbins), Zachary Marciniac, Carolyn (Chuck) Balser; great grandchildren: Shelby, Cassie, Nicholas Jr., Lyla, and Noah. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Ralph and Hilda Benoist, brother and sister-in-law, Ralphie and Mary Benoist and nephews; Ricky and Danny Benoist. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Barbara's name to one of the following organizations: American Cancer Society <https://donate3.cancer.org>, Stand Up To Cancer <https://www.standuptocancer.org> or to the Alzheimer's Research Association <https://act.alz.org/donate> Private arrangements entrusted to Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. www.burnsfuneral.com