



Barbara Jan DiPaola

March 27, 1941 - June 6, 2022

Barbara Jan (Christy) DiPaola, age 81, fell asleep in death after a decade battling various illnesses...with her beloved husband Paul by her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents Bernard Christy and Beatrice (Dickerson) Christy and all her siblings, Beverly Bremer, Barry Christy, and Becky Sinclair of Lansing, MI.

She is survived by: her husband of 29 years Paul Anthony DiPaola of Crown Point, IN. Her 3 children/spouses: Monica Lynn (Brad) Clemens of Daytona Beach FL, Michael Bruce (Annette) Hornbeck of Lakeview MI, and Melinda Jan (Christopher) Greene of Lansing MI. Grandchildren: Elise (Clemens) Pace, Jared Clemens, Jonah Greene, Levi Greene.

Great grandchildren: Ava, Tatum, Mia, Lincoln, and Olivia Pace, and Eliana Clemens.

And many nieces and nephews.

Step-sons/spouses: - Michael (Rene) DiPaola of Portage IN, Stephen (Malisa) DiPaola of Louisville KY, Matthew (Kristina) DiPaola of Howell, MI.

Grandchildren: Christopher DiPaola, Carly DiPaola, Mason DiPaola, Anthony DiPaola, Vincent DiPaola and Joseph DiPaola. Damien Mikuly, Amanda Mikuly

Great grandchildren: Averie, Connor, and Carson DiPaola, Tayla Foley,

Cainen Kopf.

Barb was born in Lansing MI and graduated from Lansing Eastern High School. She grew up as the youngest of 4 children and had a close relationship with her family until their death. Barb enjoyed music, clogging, home decorating and especially arts, crafts. She married young and had three children who were the center of her life. She was always a supportive and proud mom! And later, she was a fun, generous, loving Grandma!! After rearing her children she worked as a licensed cosmetologist and massage therapist. Later she graduated top in her class from Lansing Community College as an RN at age 50, and worked at Sparrow Hospital.

In 1993 she married her beloved Paul and moved to Crown Point, IN. There she worked at group homes for the developmentally impaired until her retirement at age 65. Barb was loved by her clients because of her kind, compassionate, and caring nature.

In 2003 Barb was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was especially drawn to the Bible's comforting teaching of the resurrection. Because of her faith in Jesus' ransom sacrifice, she looked forward to the near future when her dead loved ones would be raised to life on a beautiful cleansed earth! Even as her mind faded with early onset dementia/Alzheimer's she kept her confidence in Jehovah's promises and was faithful to the end. She died a loyal wife, cherished mother, and good friend to many, and will be truly missed.

The family would like to give thanks to the many friends who have supported Barb and Paul over these past years, including her close friends, Judy and Kim Bryan, the D'Angelo family, and Les and Tracy Pickett. More recently we thank Traditions Hospice for their excellent care. And a very special thanks to Jean Chikwama who proved to be a patient, loving caregiver for Barb, and

support for Paul. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1199 S. Indiana Avenue, Crown Point, IN. The service will also be on the Zoom platform

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 11. 3:00 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
1199 S. Indiana Avenue
Crown Point, IN 46307

Tribute Wall



“ I have so many fond memories of Barb from coffee cakes sent in the mail, her excitement to see family and get and give updates on everyone’s lives to her living vicariously through our travels. I loved how she would write herself a note and her Love for my us and especially for my Dad. Barbby will be greatly missed. I look forward to seeing the pictures that her daughters have gathered and celebrating her life with friends and family.

Stephen DiPaola - June 10, 2022 at 08:49 AM

JG

“ I too was at the wedding. I went with Uncle Dom and Aunt Mary. I recall the fantastic cousins’ reunion at their home and all the delicious food and fun. She was always gracious and friendly. May God bless you both.

John Gregoline - June 08, 2022 at 05:51 PM

CA

“ One of my dearest memories of Barb is how lovely and joyous she was at her wedding to my dear brother Paul and how she included all of his Italian names in her vows. Thus began a loving lifetime together.
Love, Carol Arland

Carol Arland - June 08, 2022 at 03:26 PM

MC

So beautiful Carol! ❤️

Monica Clemens - June 08, 2022 at 03:53 PM