



## Lavon Barath

May 19, 1936 - August 8, 2025

Lavon Barath of Columbus, Ohio, peacefully passed away on August 8, 2025, surrounded by her children. She was previously a longtime resident of Hobart, Indiana, and a member of Grace Reformed Church in Gary, Indiana.

Lavon was born on May 19, 1936, in Iowa City, Iowa, to Jacob and Norma (Swails) Tipold. She is survived by two loving children, Debbie (Victor) Schmell of Cartersville, Georgia and William (Lisa) Barath of Worthington, Ohio; four grandchildren, Julianna Roblero, April (Ben) Monterotti, Jake Barath, and Madison Barath; and five great grandchildren, Kalman, Gannon, Uriel, Adelynn, and Bentley.

Lavon was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Bill, her parents, Jacob and Norma, and brothers, Ray Snakenberg (Arlene), George Tipold (Pamela), Robert Tipold (Sandie), and infant brother, Stanley Tipold.

Lavon was born in Iowa but moved to the Miller area of Gary, Indiana, as a child. She met the love of her life, Bill, at Gary Edison High School and started a beautiful romance that lasted until and after his death in 2016.

Lavon was committed to her family and supporting her children. She became an accomplished realtor at Ginter Realty in Hobart, Indiana, until moving to Ohio in 2006 to be with her family. In addition to many lifelong friends in Indiana, she made numerous special friends during her time in Ohio.

Friends are invited to visit with her family on Friday, August 15, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory 701 East 7th Street Hobart, Indiana 46342. A funeral service for Lavon will be on Saturday,

August 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory with entombment at Graceland Cemetery Mausoleum, Valparaiso, Indiana following. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

Valparaiso, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 15.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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## Funeral Service

**AUG 16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Cindy Barath lit a candle in memory of Lavon Barath*



**Cindy Barath** - August 15, 2025 at 08:37 PM

CB

*In better place you with your husband upheavn imiss u lavon*

**Cindy Barath** - August 15, 2025 at 08:38 PM

KB

“ *Lavon was our neighbor and friend for many years. She was a special lady who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life: spending time with family and friends; a walk around Antrim Park; a delicious meal and reminiscing about the love of her life — her late husband Bill. Our hearts are broken that she is gone but we smile when we think Lavon and Bill are dancing together again. We send our sympathy love and prayers to Lavon’s wonderful family. Kathie & Bob*



**Kathie Basehore** - August 15, 2025 at 09:13 AM

JG

“ *Jack, Mitzi, Spencer & Griffin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavon Barath.*

**Jack, Mitzi, Spencer & Griffin** - August 14, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JG

“ Jack, Mitzi, Spencer & Griffin purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lavon Barath.



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**Jack, Mitzi, Spencer & Griffin** - August 14, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JL

“ John and Linda purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lavon Barath.



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**John and Linda** - August 14, 2025 at 01:09 PM

AA

“ I only knew Lavon through her son Bill who is a longtime friend and former work colleague. I got a flavor of her sense of humor talking to her via speakerphone with Bill and hearing her sweet and confident voice. I only met her once when she was out in the Worthington area with Bill's family but I know how loving and instrumental she was in Bill's life. The impact she had was undeniable. I pray God enwraps Bill and the family with love during this difficult time.

*Aaron Granger*

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**Aaron** - August 14, 2025 at 09:38 AM

IF

“ Ice Miller Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavon Barath.

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**Ice Miller Family** - August 13, 2025 at 12:41 PM

IF

“ Ice Miller Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lavon Barath.



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**Ice Miller Family** - August 13, 2025 at 12:41 PM

MF

“ Monterotti's and Friessen's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavon Barath.

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**Monterotti's and Friessen's** - August 13, 2025 at 11:48 AM

MF

“ Monterotti's and Friessen's purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lavon Barath.



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**Monterotti's and Friessen's** - August 13, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lavon Barath.



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August 12, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Your Friends at McDaniel Law purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lavon Barath.*



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**Your Friends at McDaniel Law** - August 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lavon Barath.*



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August 12, 2025 at 09:51 AM