



Barbara Jean Lawyer

September 19, 1930 - October 12, 2013

Barbara Jean Lawyer of Bloomington passed away at her residence on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at the age of 83.

She was born into the home of Myron and Geneva (Franklin) Howard in Ellettsville on September 19, 1930. Barbara graduated from Ellettsville High School and went on to graduate from Indiana University in 1952 with a degree in journalism. She worked at WTTV where she wrote copy for the station. Barbara was a member of the Ernie Pyle Journalism Dept and an avid IU Basketball and Football supporter. She met Harrison Lawyer and they were married. After moving to Columbus, Indiana she joined the Columbus Arts Council, the Distinguished Visitor Series, the Rose Society and the Garden and Research Club where she devoted many hours of her time. Barbara was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Columbus. When Harrison passed in 1993, she then moved to Bloomington. She loved to cook and garden and was exceptionally creative and artistic.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Jayne Lawyer and Jennifer Sunnekalb (Andrew) all of Bloomington and Marjorie Lawyer-Smith (Doug) of Greenwood; grandchildren, Nathan and Christopher Sunnekalb of W. Lafayette and Eli and Tess Lawyer-Smith of Greenwood, and sister, Marcella

“Sami” Samora of Florida.

Funeral Services will be held at Chandler Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Maurice Wright officiating. Burial is to follow at Presbyterian Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 from 4-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the IU Health-Bloomington Hospice in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Presbyterian Cemetery

1233 West Temperance Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chandler Funeral Homes - Ellettsville Chapel
203 E. Temperance Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429
(812) 876-6075
chandlerfh@bluemarble.net
<https://www.chandlerfh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“Jayne, Margie, and Jennifer your mother and I shared so much together. Our husbands died within 6 weeks of each other. Their house was one of the first interior design jobs I had. We became very close after that. After helping her with the move to Bloomington, I enjoyed several weekends there with her and going to the summer opera.

Please know that my thoughts are with all of you at this time. The last time i called Barbara she said she had multiple health problems. She will be missed by all of you and many friends.

With love,

Thelma Triplett

thelma triplett - October 17, 2013 at 02:00 PM

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“When we moved to Columbus in 1972, Barbara was one of the first members of her family I got to know. Later my wife Sharon and I shared many wonderful meals and parties at the Lawyer family home. We will always be grateful for the warmth the entire family shared with us. Barb and I shared many early television stories and I remember converting their wedding 16mm film to videotape. Knowing Barbara was a blessing.

Victor & Sharon Fields

Victor & Sharon Fields - October 15, 2013 at 03:32 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Barbara's passing. I worked at RBB when Geneva and Myron was there. Barb was a very caring and dedicated daughter, that I got to know very well. She invited me and another Barb CNA to her house a few times. She was a gracious host and very nice to be around. May she rest in peace with her lovable parents.

Barb Sumner Utley - October 15, 2013 at 03:10 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Lawyer.



October 15, 2013 at 11:24 AM



“ Margie, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. I can remember coming over to your house to play when we were little and your mom was always there with a smile on her face. God bless you and your family and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Kathy (Martin) Nelson

Kathy Nelson - October 15, 2013 at 07:31 AM



“ Karen & Wayne Hutson purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Barbara Jean Lawyer.



Karen & Wayne Hutson - October 14, 2013 at 11:02 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Lawyer.*



October 14, 2013 at 09:08 AM