



Barbara Jean Barber

July 4, 1942 - November 22, 2020

Barbara Jean Barber, 78, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully on Nov. 22, 2020, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, with her daughters by her side.

She was born July 4, 1942, in Kankakee, the daughter of Alexander “Bud” Soucie and Burnice “Burn” (Lahners) Soucie.

Barbara graduated from St. Joseph Seminary and Charm Beauty School. She worked as a beautician, a dental assistant and an office manager before chronic illness forced her into early retirement.

Throughout her life she enjoyed camping, fishing, listening to music, watching old western TV shows, quilting, sewing, making all types of crafts and spending time with her family and friends. She especially enjoyed her time with her great-grandchildren, to whom she was affectionately known as “Grandma Nana.”

Surviving are her loving partner of the past 41 years, Kenneth D. Justice; two daughters and one son-in-law, Julie Barber and Randall Regnier, of Bourbonnais, and Joni and Kevin Goudreau, of Bourbonnais; three grandchildren, James and Nicole Goudreau, of Manteno, Justin Goudreau and Lindsay Blanchette, of Merrillville, and Jennifer Goudreau and Ryne Bessler, of Rockford; three great-grandchildren, Aubrie, Bryton and Chelsea Goudreau; one sister and brother-in-law, Delores “Lori” and Gary Winkel, of Martinton; one sister-in-law, Barbara (Battaglia) Soucie, of Bradley; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her brother, Roland A. Soucie; three stillborn children, Samuel, Jason and Jean; and her former husband, Billy R. Barber.

Despite her many lifelong health challenges, she remained positive, and she never complained.

Barbara was humble, kind, and patient. She never had an unkind word to say about anyone.

“The loss is immeasurable, but so is the love left behind.”

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Interment will be held at a later date at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m.

Celebration of Life on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

“The family would like to express our gratitude for the excellent care she received from her doctors, nurses, aides and home helpers throughout her illness.”

Memorials may be made to Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago or Uplifted Care Hospice, Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Jean Barber*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - July 13, 2021 at 05:16 PM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Barber*



Julie - November 22, 2025 at 09:02 PM

JB

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Julie Barber - November 22, 2024 at 08:16 AM

JU

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Julie - November 22, 2023 at 07:59 AM

JB

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Julie Barber - November 22, 2022 at 08:00 AM

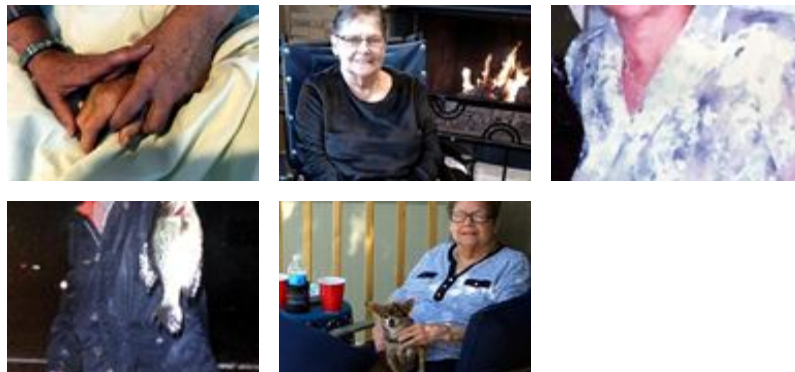
JO

“ *So many fun memories of Barb and our High School days at St.Joe.party's in her basement and years later lunches with all our High School friends.Slumber party in Michigan City.Barb was always a soft spoken and kind lady. May she RIP
Jackie o'connor*

Jackie O'Connor - July 15, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ 82 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - July 13, 2021 at 04:57 PM

MS

“ *Julie and Joni,*

I am so sorry for your loss. I went to high school with your Mom. I was in awe of her acting ability in the school plays! I last saw her at our Class Reunion in Michigan City, Indiana, where she and I roomed together. It was lovely to spend time with her and learn of her quilting hobby...she said she always had 3 or 4 in the works at one time! Hers was a peaceful spirit. Please know you and your loved ones are in my prayers.

Mary Beth Stine

Mary Stine - December 03, 2020 at 06:48 PM

JJ

Thank you, Mary Beth

Julie and Joni - December 06, 2020 at 10:44 AM

TL

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Barbara's family.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4*

*Your cousin,
Tom & Kay Lahners*



Tom Lahners - December 02, 2020 at 02:16 PM

JJ

Thank you Tom & Kay

Julie & Joni - December 03, 2020 at 03:36 PM

PM

“ *Joni n Julie. I have lots of fond memories of your mom. We went to school together m did dance s lessons also entertained at the veterans center. I envied your mom was so nice and beautiful. The years have not been so kind to your mom. My husband was a friend to your dad.*

phyllis manau - November 30, 2020 at 11:38 AM

JJ

Thank you, Phyllis

Julie & Joni - December 02, 2020 at 02:34 PM

VD

“ Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Barber



Virginia R Dominick - November 29, 2020 at 02:07 PM

JJ

Thank you.

Julie and Joni - November 29, 2020 at 06:39 PM

BF

“ So very sorry for your loss. My God provide you with love and peace at this sad time.

Betourne Family - November 29, 2020 at 11:26 AM

JJ

Thank you.

Julie and Joni - November 29, 2020 at 06:39 PM

BC

“ Julie and Joni, I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's death. While I haven't seen her in several years, I have many happy memories of our school years. My prayers are with you.

Betsy Clarke

BETSY L CLARKE - November 29, 2020 at 09:19 AM

JJ

Thank you, Betsy.

Julie and Joni - November 29, 2020 at 06:38 PM

JM

“ *Julie Ann & Jones, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. I have such awesome memories of her from our high school years. Hugs and tons of love to you both.*

Jackie McTaggart - November 27, 2020 at 04:28 PM

JJ

Thank you, Jackie Sue.

Julie and Joni - November 29, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DB

“ *Julie and Joni I am so sorry for your loss. It has been several years since I saw your mother since I am typically not in town in the summer for the reunions. I enjoyed all the times the Lahners cousins were together when we were kids....soooo many cousins! May you find peace with all the wonderful memories.*

Donna Lahners Barzantny - November 26, 2020 at 10:55 PM

JJ

Thank you, Donna.

Julie and Joni - November 29, 2020 at 06:37 PM

NI

“ I will miss you dear cousin. When I was younger, you and Margaret would have the younger cousins come to her house for sleepovers. I still remember how you two showed us how to make pudding. I was so impressed.

When I was a teen, I would go to your house to get my monthly haircut .When I got married and moved away , there were Christmas cards, phone calls, and the yearly reunion where we could catch up on each others lives. I am still sad that we had to cancel this year's reunion, and now i won't see you again at the next reunions.

You will ,always, hold a special place in my heart, though. May you rest in peace.

Nancy Ivie - November 25, 2020 at 07:52 PM

JJ

Thank you, Nance.

Julie & Joni - November 29, 2020 at 06:36 PM

JB

“ Julie Barber lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Barber



Julie Barber - November 25, 2020 at 07:26 PM