



## Barbara E. Diersen

April 12, 1938 - September 18, 2024

Barbara E. "Barb" Diersen, age 86, of Kankakee went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 in her home. She was born April 12, 1938 in Kankakee, the daughter of Henry & Blossom (Richter) Eden. Barb married Richard Diersen on November 3, 1962 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

Barb worked at First Trust Bank as the Marketing Director for many years and one of the highlights of this job was taking senior bank customers on trips around the world. She was very active and enjoyed golfing, playing tennis, and painting canvases. Barb loved traveling, especially to Branson, MO. She was an avid reader. Most of all, Barb loved spending time with her family. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee and served on various boards and committees throughout her years. She was also a member of the hand bell choir.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Diersen of Kankakee; two daughters, Brenda (Kip) Hancock of Wheaton and Cathy (Jim) Hedge of Bourbonnais; four grandchildren, Erin (Tyler) Bruzda, Kirby Hancock (Erik Browne), Jenna (T.J.) Nehls, and Jayce Hedge. Barb was preceded in death by her parents. Visitation will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. An additional visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral service on Monday, September 23, 2024, also at the funeral home. Rev. Karl Koeppen will officiate the service. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Uplifted Care.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Love and prayers for Uncle Dick, Brenda, Cathy and family. Such wonderful memories of a very, very dear and loving godmother. We will miss her dearly and forever cherish our time together and all the memories. Love you all!

Jim & Dawn Floyd - October 26, 2024 at 06:35 PM

JG

“ Hugs & prayers to Cathy & family at the loss of their loved one. She was a very nice lady. I'll miss seeing her at church.



Joan Henneinke Gehm - September 23, 2024 at 04:29 PM

RH

“ Dick  
Regina and I want to express our sympathies to you and your family. If there is anything you need let us know. I enjoyed Barb answering the phone when I called and kidding about the many racquetball and golf games throughout the years.  
Ray and Regina

Ray Hubert - September 23, 2024 at 11:40 AM

JC

“ Richard we are sorry for your loss, john conner, class of 57,

john conner - September 22, 2024 at 07:22 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



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**Matthew Diersen** - September 20, 2024 at 03:26 PM

MD

“ Really too many "special moments" to choose just one. She was a lady of incredible dignity, class, and elegance. She was my favorite Aunt and I had two other good ones, but her compassion and the way she would look at me when she thought I was crazy will forever stick in my heart. My heart hurts with her passing. She's home and I look forward to the time when I will be in her presence again. There was quite a celebration when she arrived!!

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**Matthew Diersen** - September 20, 2024 at 02:48 PM

MS

“ Barb was so welcoming to me as a new employee at First Trust so many years ago. And when I was pregnant with my first child she gave me great advice and comfort on those days when I wasn't sure of what to expect. She will truly be remembered for her kind spirit.

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**Marianne Stevenson** - September 20, 2024 at 11:58 AM

PP

“ Condolences to Cathy and the rest of the family.

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**Patricia C Pearce** - September 20, 2024 at 11:56 AM

CS

“ *Barb and I became coworkers and friends at First Trust Bank. She was a delight to work with and such an inspiration to spend time with. She loved talking about her girls and grandchildren and her faith in God. She shared daffodil bulbs and starts of plants that are in my flower garden and every year when they bloom I am reminded of her kind, gentle personality and they will continue to bring happy thoughts of the time I was privileged to spend with her. Our love and prayers to the family,*  
*Carol and Ryland Schriefer*

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**Carol Schriefer** - September 20, 2024 at 12:39 AM

JG

“ *Julie G lit a candle in memory of Barbara E. Diersen*



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**Julie G** - September 19, 2024 at 10:32 PM

MT

“ *So sorry to learn of Barb's passing. I know she is enjoying her Heavenly home. My hugs and prayers are with her family knowing that God is holding you close and helping you smile because of your wonderful memories of a wonderful lady.*



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**Mary Thomson** - September 19, 2024 at 09:16 PM

DK

“ *Donn & Darcy Kane lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara E. Diersen*



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**Donn & Darcy Kane** - September 19, 2024 at 07:00 PM