



Barbara Jeanne Fischer

September 7, 1928 - August 14, 2020

Barbara Jeanne Fischer (Blood), 91, died August 14 at Hearthstone Health Campus in Bloomington, IN from complications of a stroke. She is survived by her children Gail McDaniel, Jane White, Tom Fischer (Mary) twin granddaughters Courtney and Caitlin Fischer, niece Anne Asbury (Bauer, nephew David Spence and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Born in Evansville, IN, Barbara was the daughter of Paul and Gertrude Blood and the youngest of four sisters. She graduated from Bosse High School and attended Evansville College. After two years, she transferred to Indiana University, graduating with a BS degree in Home Economics. Her studies helped shape her love for art, interior design, textiles and education.

In 1951, Barbara married William Fischer also from Evansville and the couple were together until Bill died in 2018. During their 67 years they enjoyed travel, playing tennis and golf and cheering on every Indiana University athletic team- especially basketball and football. Barb and Bill loved to go to tailgates and Marching Hundred band practices as often as their health would allow.

Barbara had many personal interests. Throughout her life she loved to cook, garden and teach others to appreciate the beauty of a painting or sculpture, and the ornate furnishings of an historic home. She was a docent at celebrated properties in every place the family moved. Most recently Barbara was a tour guide at the Eskenazi Museum of Art at Indiana University.

But Barbara also left time to pursue her love for tennis and golf. Wherever she lived she joined golf and tennis groups with many of her “tennis chums”

becoming life-long friends.

In addition to husband Bill, Barbara was preceded in death by her father Paul Revere Blood, mother Gertrude Ann Blood (Westfall), sisters Pauline Spence, Virginia Wright Semler, Charlotte Bauer and nephews Michael Spence, M.D. and Jack Wright.

She was a life-long Presbyterian and member of Alpha Phi Women's Fraternity. Her memberships include the Indiana University Alumni Association, Tri Kappa, Junior League and number of garden and home economics clubs.

A Memorial Service will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Evansville, Indiana at a future date. Memorial contributions may be given to the Eskenazi Museum of Art in care of the Indiana University Foundation. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

KW

“ I Bob and I send out sympathies to the entire Fischer Family.
Barbara was a beautiful person in mind and spirit. I loved taking with her at church.

*Karon Wingard
Bloomington, IN*



Karon Wingard - August 20, 2020 at 04:07 PM

RA

“ I was sorry to read of the passing of Barbara. My parents were married on the same day as the Fischers and we celebrated with them and many others at their house on a lake on the 4th of July several times when we were kids. I have great memories of those special celebrations. Rest in peace.
Rick Alexander, Bloomington

Rick Alexander - August 19, 2020 at 07:12 AM

GM

This is Gail, Barbara's oldest daughter. I totally rennet you and your family coming to the 4th of July picnics. I talk about them every 4th Holiday. Do you live in Bloomington too? I knew w you had a big family but don't remember if you were the oldest, middle youngest, etc. are you here in Bloomington

gail Mcdaniel - August 19, 2020 at 08:33 PM