



Barbara Catherine Kirsche

October 14, 1944 - November 14, 2020

Barbara Catherine Kirsche, 76, of Spencer, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Aperia Care in Spencer. She was born on October 14, 1944 in Summit, New Jersey; the daughter of Herman R. and Beatrice O. (Spurrier) Kirsche.

Barbara was born with severe intellectual disabilities, however, despite her handicap, and never having a formal education she learned to read and write. Barbara's accomplishments included having won several medals in Special Olympics Track and Field and participating in Non-Speaking rolls in Summit Playhouse Productions.

Following the death of her father in 1975, Barbara and her mother moved to Bloomington, Indiana and she attended Stone Belt. In the fall of 1988, she became the third resident to be accepted into the newly opened Rescare Group Home in Bedford, Indiana. Barbara worked at Stone Belt LARC where she assembled medical drives for COOK, INC and Magic Morning Bakery on Saturday mornings. In the fall of 2014, a fall that resulted in a broken leg necessitated moving her to an assisted living facility.

She was very outgoing, no one was a stranger, and she was always happy with a smile for everyone.

Barbara is survived by her sister, Margaret Ennis and husband Lee, of Spencer, Indiana; brother, Richard Kirsche and wife, Chris, of Ringoes, New Jersey; nephews, Steve Kirsche, Thomas Kirsche, and Kevin Kirsche; nieces, Pam Wendlandt, and Suzanne Kirsche; and cousins, Lucille Peppers, and Fran Dolan.

There will be no services at this time. 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

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“ Thank you Barb for letting me care for you as your nurse.
I will never forget you.

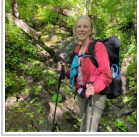
Melissa Kinney - November 23, 2020 at 09:54 PM

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“ Debbie Myers lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Catherine Kirsche



Debbie Myers - November 23, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ Hello Kirsche Family -- My name is Leslie Green and I'm the CEO of Stone Belt. I'm very sad to learn of Barbara's passing. She was a special person who had love and care for so many. Our world has lost a dear soul.

I started Stone Belt in September of 1979. On my first day, Mrs. Burton asked me to go to the workshop and spend time with the clients there. Barbara was one of the first people I met. It is a treasured memory to think of that first day and to still hear her laugh and to see what a sweet and sensitive person she was. I had started the job not knowing how I would like it, but I figured it was worth a try. Barbara had an immediate impact on causing me to love this work and to care deeply about the people we support. She holds a special place in my heart.

I was so excited for her when she moved into the group home. I do remember you mom and how dedicated she was to Barbara, but I knew she would do well in her new life too. Although I didn't see her as much once she moved, I always made a point to find her at Larc when I was there and to catch up with her.

I hope your memories of Barbara are a comfort to you in your time of loss. She had many friends at Stone Belt and she will be missed.

*Warm Regards,
Leslie*

Leslie Green - November 18, 2020 at 04:01 PM

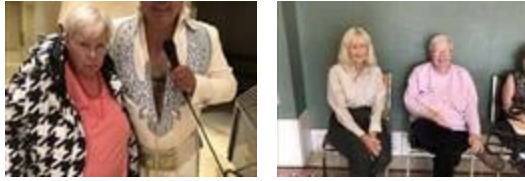
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“ Oh my sweet Barb! Loved you so much. You were my absolute favorite. It was a pleasure taking care of you all these years. My condolences to your family.

Melinda Delph - November 18, 2020 at 04:43 AM

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Sharon Rose - November 17, 2020 at 10:44 PM