



Barbara Jean Raper

July 27, 1951 - March 5, 2023

Barbara Jean Raper, of Osceola, IN, passed away peacefully on March 5th, 2023 at the age of 71 after a brave and hard-fought battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her family at home, and the love of her family and friends near and far.

Born July 27, 1951 in Sewickley, PA to Robert and Mary (Bucek) Elling, Barb was a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Spanish. She would later work as an aide in special education in Minnesota.

Barb was married to Larry Ross Raper on July 8, 1978 until his passing in 2014, and is survived by sons Matthew (Amanda) Raper of Granger, IN, and Brandon (Michelle) Raper of Eagan, MN, as well as her four grandchildren: Madison, Bradon, Alana and Keegan.

Preceded in death by her parents and brother, Brad, Barb is also survived by brother Bob (Merribeth) Elling of Ticonderoga, N.Y., sister-in-law Tracy Elling of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, as well as nieces Kate, Julie and Emily. Barb will be deeply missed by her many friends in Minnesota, her home from 1994 to 2010, as well as the Tara Golf and Country Club in Bradenton, FL., where she and Larry spent winters in their retirement.

The love she received was surpassed only by the love she gave.

Visitation will be held for family and friends at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN on Saturday, March 11th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. A funeral service will begin at 2:00 p.m. with graveside services to follow at Clear Creek Cemetery, W. Church Lane, Bloomington, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barb's memory may be made to Goshen Center for Cancer Care.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Clear Creek Cemetery

W Church Lane
Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sheila - March 11, 2023 at 06:38 PM

MF

“ Mike Jacobson - Focus Financial purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Jean Raper.



Mike Jacobson - Focus Financial - March 10, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Raper.



March 10, 2023 at 12:09 AM

JS

“ We so enjoyed being neighbors at Tara and miss her sweet smile and infectious laugh.

Janie and Bob Sheraw - March 09, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Raper.*



March 09, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ *Friends from Glacier Hills purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Jean Raper.*



Friends from Glacier Hills - March 09, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Raper.*



March 08, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Raper.*



March 07, 2023 at 08:36 PM

NM

“ *Nathan Tipton & Kaylee Mclroy purchased the W
ritten in the Stars for the family of Barbara Jean
Raper.*



Nathan Tipton & Kaylee Mclroy - March 07, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the
family of Barbara Jean Raper.*



March 07, 2023 at 01:02 PM

BE

“ *Bob, Mer, Tracy, Julie, Katie & Emily purchased
the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of
Barbara Jean Raper.*



Bob, Mer, Tracy, Julie, Katie & Emily - March 07, 2023 at 11:55
AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of
Barbara Jean Raper.*



March 06, 2023 at 01:28 PM