



Barbara Jane Gearhart

December 1, 1946 - November 19, 2016

Barbara Jane Gearhart, 69, was called home on Friday, November 18, 2016 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo. She was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 1st, 1946 to parents Eddie and Jane Jones. She was raised in Toledo, where she resided until her passing.

She graduated from Start High School in 1964. She went on to the University of Toledo and received a Bachelor's Degree, and also a Master's Degree in Counseling and Human Services in 1986. She worked for the State of Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation from 1972 until retirement in 1998. She continued to work as a Licensed Professional Counselor in the field of vocational assessment and mental health counseling.

She was devoted to doing God's work, and spent much of her time volunteering for Rahab's Heart, a local ministry catering to women in need. She was also an Associate with the Sisters of Notre Dame, and a member of Little Flower Church.

Barbara was filled with an unmatched amount of kindness, generosity, spirituality and strength. She was quick to help those in need, and often did so quietly and without recognition. Her radiant smile lit up any room, and her laughter made the best of any situation.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and is survived by her devoted husband of more than 44 years, Thomas Gearhart, daughter Elizabeth (Brady) Grimm, grandchildren Genevieve and Caroline Grimm, brother Michael (Monica) Jones, brother Marty Westlin, and sister Anne Garcia. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Ansberg- West Funeral Home at 3000 West Sylvania Avenue in Toledo on Tuesday, November 22nd from 2 to 8 p.m. A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at Little Flower Catholic Church, 5562 Dorr Street in Toledo.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Rahab's Heart, 1501 North Ontario, Toledo, Ohio, 43614, 419-244-8672.

Comments



“ I knew Barb throughout her career. She was a very special lady and is a loss to our community as well as her family. Tom and Liz please accept my condolences at this very difficult time. Her love will remain in your hearts. God bless, Joan Stebbins

Joan Stebbins - November 23, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ Oh, Tom, Janet and I were stunned to learn of Barb's passing and I only wish we were able to tell you in person how so sorry we are for your unexpected loss. It truly grieves us both beyond words.
And after all of these years, we were so surprised to learn that she was Mike's sister...so our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mike as well.
Over a long, long time we shared so many great, special times together from the early days of the basement Press Club with you at the Rouge's end to way too many Ribs shows and Barb was always there to be part of that and support for you.
Please know that our thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences are extended to you and your families at this time.
Be strong as possible our dear friend!
Love, Janet and Chuck Krueger

Janet & Chuck Krueger - November 23, 2016 at 12:58 AM



“ Tom: i was stunned and saddened to hear of your premature loss. Barb was always a bright spot at Blade gatherings. All the best to you. Gary Pakulski

gary pakulski - November 22, 2016 at 06:44 PM



“ Sorry to read of Barb's passing. My condolences to Gears and the family.

Bob McCarthy - November 22, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Barb for several years when COIN and Vocational Assessments shared an office. Barb was truly a joy to be around. Her laughter lit up the office every day. I really cherish getting to know her and being a small part of her life. My deepest condolences to all of you.

Lisa Jorgensen - November 22, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ Anne and the Gearhart family. My heart and prayers go out to you. Find peace that you will meet again in heaven.

Rose Limongi - November 22, 2016 at 08:43 AM



“ To Tom and family,
I had the good fortune of working with Barb for several years. She was an outstanding vocational rehabilitation counselor. She was very dedicated to her clientele. She was a very compassionate counselor who also was able to maintain a high level of objectivity.
It was an honor and privilege to have known her and work with her. Our condolences to you for your loss.
Dave Chonko

Dave Chonko - November 21, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ Tom,

My heartfelt condolence to you and the family. Barb was such a beautiful, caring and wonderful person. BJ thought very highly of Barb and spoke of her often. We were both fortunate to have shared such a wonderful life with such special ladies.

God Bless,

Your friend,

Frank Stiles

Frank Stiles - November 21, 2016 at 01:03 PM