



Barbara Ann De Witt

February 22, 1941 - November 8, 2015

Barbara Ann De Witt, 74, of Toledo, passed peacefully on November 08, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee, after a courageous battle against ALS.

She was born in Cleveland on February 22, 1941, to the late John and Jane (Zdgodzinski) Kennedy. On August 22, 1964, she married Kenneth De Witt. Together they enjoyed over 42 years of marriage before his death on December 29, 2006.

Barbara was a 1959 graduate of Ursuline High School and a graduate of St. Alexis School of Nursing. She worked as a RN before shifting her focus to raising her family. When all of her children were in school, she took the opportunity to go back to school as well and was a 1991 graduate of the University of Toledo, earning her B.S. in Computer Science. She was a faithful parishioner of St. Pius X Catholic Church, Toledo for 50 years. She was an avid sports fan, following teams in both her original and adopted hometowns, particularly the Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Indians, and on winter Saturdays she could be found in Savage Arena rooting for the Toledo Rockets basketball team.

She is survived by three siblings; Robert (Jule) Kennedy, Twinsburg; Mary

Jane Kennedy, Brecksville; Margaret (David) Kennedy, Charlottetown, PEI, Canada; four children; John (Nesreen) De Witt, Houston, Texas; David (Leigh) De Witt, Strongsville; Matthew (Debra) De Witt, Spring Valley; Jennifer (Ron) Hoelzer, Waterville; and 8 grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 13, at St. Pius X Church, Toledo. Interment will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Brookpark.

Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a prayer vigil at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12 at Ansberg West Funeral Home, Toledo.

Memorials are suggested to the Kenneth J. De Witt Academic Scholarship at the University of Toledo or St. Pius X Church.

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Dear DeWitt Family,
My name is Barb Hamel and as a Respiratory Therapist at Flower Hospital Pulmonary Rehab, I had the honor getting to know your mother as she made her way through rehab and as she continued in our maintenance program. I will never forget her kind and generous spirit. We had many a lively conversation and our share of laughs as well. I am so saddened in hearing of her passing and apologize for not being there to pay my respects. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely,
Barb Hamel

Barb Hamel - November 13, 2015 at 04:06 PM

NA

“ Rest in peace Aunt Barbara! I love you. Now you get to hang with Uncle Ken and grams and gramps DeWitt!! Also you get to cruise the world so enjoy. You are in our prayers. Love Specs!

Nancy - November 13, 2015 at 01:14 PM

BM

“ Sympathy and peace to the DeWitt family. Barbara and Ken were wonderful, kind, knowledgeable people. May you find comfort in the positive memories. God bless you all. From the family of K. Cyril Masiulaniec

Betty Masiulaniec - November 13, 2015 at 10:09 AM

PB

“ My condolences to Barbaras family. I knew Barb from when we were kids. We went to St.Tims,Ursuline,and she was my room mate the first year of nursing school. I am sorry to hear of her ALS. May she rest in peace.

Pat Krajewski Bray - November 12, 2015 at 03:39 PM

JM

“ Please accept our prayers on the passing of Barbara. Ken was my cousin and nephew of my Mother, Mary Jane DeWitt Hutter, who passed last December. We would gather at Grandma and Grandpa DeWitt's house in Bay Village regularly.
May the peace of our Lord be with you.

Judy

Judith and George Merk - November 12, 2015 at 07:52 AM

BD

“ We are very sorry to hear of the passing of your mom.

brian and alison Draxl - November 11, 2015 at 10:21 PM

GZ

“ Jenny
Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Gary & Barb Zielinski

Gary & Barb Zielinski - November 11, 2015 at 07:08 PM

AA

“ Dear Robert, Margaret, Mary Jane

*We were saddened to hear about Barbara.
Please know how very sorry we are.*

Bob & cousin Anne

Anne&Bob Antonius - November 11, 2015 at 10:45 AM

CG

“ To Matt, Jenny, Dave, and John: Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you! I am so blessed to have grown up knowing all of you and the great sports memories of our times together. I will never forget the kindness and selfless giving of themselves your parents showed to me and my family. Your mom will truly be missed, but the memories of her are forever! I smile knowing she is giving someone the business up in Heaven :). All our Love! Chris, Becky, Anna, Dominic, and Maria Granata

Chris Granata - November 10, 2015 at 01:43 PM

KS

“ Aunt Barbara was a very strong woman but I'm so glad she isn't suffering any more. Our prayers are with her soul. It was humbling to see how well our cousins took care of her this last year-we know it was very hard on you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you John & Nesreen, David & Leigh, Matt & Debra and Jenny & Ron.
Love Kathleen

Kathleen DeWitt Saunders - November 10, 2015 at 12:59 PM

JK

“ To my sister in law Barbara, you will be missed. I am happy that we were able to spend many Holidays and a few gatherings during the summer with our families. I will miss hearing you and Robert on the phone for hours at times but it was a joy that you and him really got to spend so much time communicating together. As I said you will be missed and we love you.

Love Jule

Jule Kennedy - November 10, 2015 at 12:56 PM

RK

“ My dear sister Barbara, I will miss the times we spent on the phone for the past 2-3 years working on our heritage background. I am glad to say we became close during that time.

I never told you this enough, but you were a good sister who raised a good family. They took good care of you during the past several months and I know you are proud of them.

To this day, it amazes me how you did very little studying during your school years and you always got A's. I always wished I was like you.

God will love you Barbara and much as we did on earth. You really deserve it. Again, you will be missed.

Love, your brother

Robert

ROBERT KENNEDY - November 10, 2015 at 12:29 PM