



Barbara Joanne Grill

February 27, 1946 - August 27, 2016

Barbara Joanne Grill (Thorson) passed away peacefully on August 27th at Ebeid Hospice Residence. Barb beautified this world with grace and was valiant when diagnosed 8 years ago with Stage 4 Ovarian Cancer.

Throughout, she continued to care deeply for her family and friends, enjoyed the serenity of nature, and sustained strength from her daily walks at Wildwood Preserve Metropark.

Barb was born on February 27th, 1946 to Donald and Bernice Thorson. She attended DeVilbiss High School where lifelong friendships developed with many of her classmates, along with the love her life of her life, Jim. Upon graduating from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, she began a teaching career that spanned 28 years with the Toledo Public School System. Barb's greatest accomplishment as an educator was her skill in helping "at risk" youth. Because Barb's approach to teaching mirrored her own set of values, she was able to achieve remarkable success in preparing her pupils for their future.

Her personal life was full. She adored her husband, children and grandchildren, as well her pets and theirs! Barb loved Northern Michigan, and always looked forward to many happy summer trips and connecting with friends from other places. Barb felt a great responsibility to acknowledge friends, family and acquaintances by sending greeting cards containing

genuine, personal notes of love.

Barb's family would like to extend special thanks to the wonderful friends who have been supportive in countless acts of kindness, including Gina Garwood, Michele Thrasher, Nancy Turman, Judy Johnson, Linda Grimm, Tina Moffat, Henry and Sue Merce, Tom and Mary Alice Shirk, Val and Jean Glinka, along with many, many others. Much appreciation also to Megan Flagg of Sincera Palliative Care and to Dr. Josh and the entire staff of nurses, social workers, aides and volunteers of ProMedica Ebeid Hospice Residence.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents, Don and Bernice Thorson; her father-in-law, Elmer Grill; and her mother-in-law, Virginia Grill. Barb is survived by her loving family: husband, James L. Grill; son, Eric (Margery); daughter, Jennifer; grandchildren, Cooper, Sydney and Harrison; and sister, Donise Lent.

Friends are invited to visit from 3-8 p.m., on Monday, in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, (between Secor and Douglas Roads), where funeral services will be held on Tuesday, at 10 a.m. Private interment will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution the Ovarian Cancer Connection of Toledo, ProMedica Ebeid Hospice, or Friends of the Library-Toledo Lucas County Public Library.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.ansberg-west.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Jim, I just happened to check the Toledo obits yesterday and, sadly, saw that Barb had passed away. Please accept Bobbi's and my condolences.

Tom Lopresto

Tom & Bobbi Lopresto - August 30, 2016 at 09:48 AM

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“ Jim - My deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. May your many memories of the good times you had with Barb bring you comfort. God Bless!

Sue

Sue Toth (Wiles) - August 29, 2016 at 10:35 PM

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Sue Toth (Wiles) - August 29, 2016 at 05:10 PM

GZ

“ Dear Jim,
I am so sorry for the loss of your soulmate and mother to your children. Barbara was one of the classiest gals to ever come out of DeVilbiss High School. May God wrap you in His loving and comforting arms during this time.

Geoff Zahn - August 29, 2016 at 02:50 PM

RB

“ Dear Jim & the Grill family,
I really don't know how to put my feelings into words; Barb and I have been friends for over 55 years and I know how hard she fought, with all of you, over the last 8 years. We didn't get back to Toledo very often but, when we did, and had dinner together or partied at a DHS function, Barb was always happy, full of life with a smile on her face and, of course, beautiful; she and Shirley immediately bonded; Barb will, very much, be missed.
Shirley and I really enjoyed looking at the pictures Jennifer posted on Face Book; they brought back great memories for me and Shirley enjoyed celebrating your family's long history of happiness. Jim, if you need to get away for a while; we always have a room for you in Santa Fe.
Love; Dick & Shirley Bradley

Richard & Shirley Bradley - August 29, 2016 at 01:21 PM