



Barbara Jean Halbrook

April 11, 1943 - July 11, 2022

Barbara Jean Halbrook, 79, of Evansville, Indiana, passed away on Monday, July 11, 2022 with her family by her side. She was a loving and much loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister and friend.

Barbara Jean was born in St. Louis, Missouri on April 11, 1943 to the late Doris (von Wehrden) and John Townsend. She grew up in a large family with 7 siblings. She graduated from Ritenour High School in St. Louis and attended the University of Missouri where she met Charles Halbrook. They were married and had two children: Todd Ashley and Heather Lynde.

After a few years living and working in Missouri, they moved to Evansville and bought a house downtown, in the Haynie's Corner Art District, and renovated it into a stunning home and perfect backdrop for Barbara's eclectic style and various collections. Barbara loved to travel with her family and friends and always brought home shells, feathers—anything “natural” that caught her eye, and wove them into art and jewelry. Her stories were full of the interesting places she'd been and the wonderful people she'd known. She continued her education at the University of Evansville, receiving her Bachelor's Degree. Barbara's professional career was interesting and varied, with stints at the Red Cross, BBB, and finally, Lewis Bakeries.

Barbara was well known as an enthusiastic and accomplished cook, who

loved sharing food and time with her many friends, especially on Friday the 13th and St. Barbara's Day (December 4th). Barbara was a remarkable woman, always warm and caring; she was gifted with a generous, adventurous soul. Her later years found her mobility challenged, but she remained indomitable in spirit.

Barbara is preceded in death by her son, Todd, and her stepsister, Pat. She will be dearly missed by her daughter, Heather, and the rest of her family: Heather's husband, Chris Fraser and their daughter, Grace; Todd's four children and five grandchildren: Ashley Danielle (Shaun Mullins), Fox and Pierce, Aleah Michelle (Ben Young, fiancé), Kingston, Kinsley, and Jameson; Hannah Isabelle and Grant Henry. Her memory will also be treasured by her siblings and a long list of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street where there will be a memorial service held at 4:00 PM.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Evansville Crematory

318 N. Lemcke Ave.
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 16. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jean Halbrook*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Heather so sorry for your loss, your momma was always one of my favorites. Life is a lot more cloudy without our moms, but know you will see her again. I'm just seeing this on July 27 but I will keep you in my prayers. Your friend, Pam Henderson*

pam henderson stallings - July 27, 2022 at 11:07 PM



“ *Survivor night was a special night.Barbara and her daughter would watch every week religiously. She would cook a dinner before,and talk about last weeks episode. I would go some weeks,mainly for the food and company. I feel blessed she invited me into her tribe. I love you Barbara.*

Christopher R Fraser - July 16, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Halbrook.*



July 15, 2022 at 04:25 PM



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



July 15, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Halbrook.*



July 14, 2022 at 10:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Halbrook.*



July 14, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *I will miss you Barbara for you were my phone a friend for Who Wants to be a Millionaire.*

Jeff - July 13, 2022 at 08:21 PM

MS

“ Because Barb shared with me her delish chocolate mice recipe and awesome veggie dish she lives on at my house every Christmas. Awesome and loved lady.
Rudy & Marty.

Marty stocker - July 13, 2022 at 06:14 PM

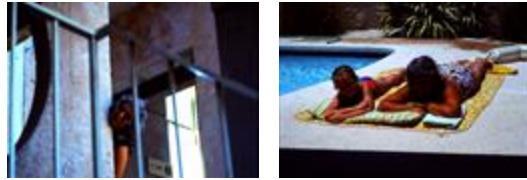
LA

“ Barbara Jean, Barbara, Barb, BJ was a one of a kind lady. ALWAYS a great friend and co-worker. I will miss her quick humor and unique style.

Laura - July 13, 2022 at 01:46 PM

AB

“ 2 files added to the album Old Photos



Andrea Burrows - July 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM

PH

“ Barbara was a great neighbor and wonder friend when my wife Carole and I lived in Evansville. We are better people because of BJ.

Peter Hovanes - July 12, 2022 at 09:57 PM

KR

“BJ was the 2nd person I met in Evansville in 1976 when I flew in to interview for a position at the University of Evansville. Chuck picked me up at the airport and then drove me to their home in downtown Evansville. Barbara and I immediately connected. She remained a true friend. Barbara hosted "the kitchen table people" with good food, tears, laughter and philosophy over the many years. I always appreciated her stories, curiosity and inclusiveness to all who visited that table. I will miss her.

Kate Rosenmeier - July 12, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Halbrook.



July 12, 2022 at 07:43 PM