



Barbara A. Benda

March 13, 1932 - April 5, 2018

Barbara Angeline Benda, 86, of Crystal Falls, passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Barbara was born in Crystal Falls on March 13, 1932 to Joseph and Aili (Holmes) Benda. She attended high school in Crystal Falls and graduated with the class of 1950. After a brief employment at the City Drug Store, she worked for the Cloverland Contracting Company until its closure in 1967. Barbara then joined the managerial staff of the City of Crystal Falls, first as a Deputy Clerk and then as City Clerk/Treasurer, a position she held until her retirement in 1994. Barbara was a lifelong member of United Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir. She was also a member of the Women's International Bowling Association as well as the Crystal View Women's Golf league. Barbara greatly enjoyed performing in V-J Day local variety shows and was a frequent volunteer at the St. Vincent DePaul Store. Barbara was a true animal lover and had many pets throughout her life. Her most recent dog Heidi, who passed before her, was the love of her life and a constant companion for 16 years. She loved watching the wildlife and enjoyed the deer, birds, and squirrels that frequented her yard. She actively supported many animal shelters and rescues.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Edna Skibo. She is survived by her nephew, Mark Rocheleau and wife Karlyn of Arcata, California; niece Tracey (Skibo) and husband Rusty Wiggins, Gwinn, Mi. ; great nephew Tristan Rocheleau and wife Sarah of Berkeley, CA. great

nephew James Schmidt of Joplin, Missouri; great niece Sophie Rocheleau of Arcata, CA ; brother-in-law Eugene Skibo of Gwinn Mi.; special cousins Dawn (Vern) Schnulle of Punta Gorda, Fl, Karen Pearson, Donna Vassar, Carol Maroney, and Jackie Nylund, all of Crystal Falls, and Jacqueline (Eddie) Wilch of Worth, Illinois; four godsons, Bart and David Schnulle, Jim Pearson, Jr., and Dr. Bill Williamson; special aunt Norma Holmes; and special friend Angela Jones. Barbara will be remembered as generous and loyal, with a wry sense of humor. She was deeply loved by her family and will be greatly missed. Vistation will be on Tuesday, May 29th from 9:00-11:00am at United Lutheran Church of Crystal Falls. Memorial services will follow at 11:00am at the church. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Barbara Benda may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Lutheran Church
506 Superior Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ Barb you will be so missed. I loved visiting you at the city hall. Picking up dad's checks paying the light bill stopping in just to say hi back in the day. Giving you updates on my kitties that we got from you. Those two babies out of three. I miss driving past you house on the way to work and waving at you. Or once in awhile stopping and chatting if I had the time.

Michelle Smokevitch-Graves - April 10, 2018 at 09:54 AM

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“ Wasn't more then a few years ago we spent a fabulous weekend together. We enjoyed a day of shopping and then we went to Paint River Landing for dinner. They had a band that you absolutely fell in love with and they played your song requests. We headed home and enjoyed some wine and sat up until almost 2:30 in the morning talking and laughing about stories from the past. I will miss these moments with you. I am thankful we had many of these fun times together. Hoping you have met up with mom and laughing, sipping wine and talking like we did so many times. Hope you have a good visit with with Bev too!! I am sure all your animals have crossed the Rainbow Bridge for a visit as well. RIP my beautiful, funny, quirky aunt. Love you, Tracey

Tracey Wiggins - April 09, 2018 at 06:23 PM

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“ Lorna Anderson lit a candle in memory of Barbara A. Benda



Lorna Anderson - April 09, 2018 at 03:30 PM