



Barbara Anderson

July 28, 1921 - September 23, 2018

Barbara Ann Anderson, died September 23, 2018; at the age of 97 years. She was born in Moline, Illinois in 1921. She enlisted in the Navy during World War II and served for two years as a WAVE. October 1, 1949; she married Thomas Anderson and five children followed: Karen (Glenn) Rothenhauser, William (Paula) Anderson, Steven Anderson, Thomas (Terri) Anderson, Mary (Grant) Morrison.

She was happiest when surrounded by her family which included, in addition to her children, twelve grandchildren: Brian (Robin) Rothenhauser, Steve Anderson Jr (Amy), Jennifer (James) Booker , Rebecca (Dustin) Stout, Lauren Rothenhauser, Christopher (Michelle) Anderson, David (Carrie) Anderson, Erik (Jill) Rothenhauser, Lindsey (Eric) Mietchen, Lorin Anderson, Taylor (Sage) Anderson, Nick (Jeannine) Anderson and twelve great grandchildren (Annabella, Tony, Andrew, Scott, Stran, Bentley, Asher, Jacob, Eli, Avery, Mason, Preston). She loved volunteering and giving to others. As a young mother she managed to find the time to be a Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother and active in her church. Once her five children were grown she began working as an EKG technician at Crittenton Hospital and eventually was promoted to director of that department for ten years. When she was widowed suddenly in 1987, she formed a grief support group at Christ Lutheran Church where she was a member for 52 years. She was the Chairman, Board of Social Ministry, for her church for 11 years, As Chairman,

she helped found the Good Shepherd Coalition, a non-profit organization, that remains dedicated to helping the many underprivileged families in Macomb County. She began volunteering at William Beaumont Hospital, Troy and in 1992 was chosen to be the Executive Chairman of the Volunteer Organization. As Chairman she was known for her innovations and ability to inspire others to volunteer. She believed that the stimulus of helping others could enhanced a person's well-being by drawing the warmth and gratitude of the recipient. The simple joy and energy of volunteering would lead to a longer and happier life. She continued her volunteering until the day she died. At age 97, she created beautiful hand-crafted sympathy cards for families who lost loved ones in the Emergency Department. "When my husband passed away in 1987, I received so many cards and kept them all. It meant a lot to me to go back and read them and help me get through that period of grief". Visitation with her family and friends will be at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, Utica, Michigan, on Thursday September 27th from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Her long and well-lived life will be celebrated at Christ Lutheran Church, 12500 Canal Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan; on Friday September 28th with visitation at 10:00 a.m. and her services at 11:00 a.m. Family requests that donations in her memory be made to The Good Shepherd Coalition, 196 North Rose Street, Mt Clemens, Michigan 48043.

Cemetery Details

Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Instate At Church

SEP **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Lutheran Church
12500 Canal Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Funeral Service

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Melissa (Dr. Calado's Office) lit a candle in memory of Barbara Anderson*



Melissa (Dr. Calado's Office) - September 27, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Barbara Anderson.*



September 26, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Anderson.*



September 26, 2018 at 08:35 AM

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“ *Love, Leslie and Mike Malcoun purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Barbara Anderson.*



Love, Leslie and Mike Malcoun - September 25, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Anderson.*



September 25, 2018 at 10:04 AM