



Barbara J. Cliffl

November 12, 1945 - May 20, 2022

Barbara Jean Cliffl, a resident of Huntington Woods, passed away on May 20, 2022 at the age of 76 in Detroit. A daughter of Helen and John Bargiel, she was born on November 12, 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio. Barbara worked as a registered nurse - a career she dreamt of since childhood.

Barbara valued hard work and an education, and instilled those values in the three daughters she raised on her own. She was a devoted, fun grandmother who never missed important events in her grandchildren's lives. Barbara never hesitated to go down a slide, jump in a bounce house, or float in a lazy river with her family. Barbara's friendships were made quickly and lasted a lifetime. She cherished her time with friends from all over including those from Holy Name High School, the Crittenton nurses, and most recently a group of friends dubbed the "Driveway Divas." Barbara loved to dance, especially with her life partner, Wayne. Together with friends they loved to travel including places like Mexico, Florida and Panama - a favorite of Barbara's many trips. Happiest in hot weather, Barbara loved to feel the sunshine on her skin and the sand between her toes. Barbara is now dancing joyously in Heaven with her mother, Helen Bargiel; her sister, Christine Day; and her best friend, Wayne Hillman; as well as all those family and friends who have passed before her.

Best friend and life partner of the late Robert Wayne Hillman, joined in love for

25 years. Loving mother of Martina Sangin of Evanston, IL; Maureen Cliffler of Huntington Woods, MI; and Michelle VanPeteghem of Powell, OH. Treasured grandmother of Lucabella Sangin, Jacob VanPeteghem, Helena Cliffler Barnett, and Austin VanPeteghem. Dear sister of Paul (Marie) Bargiel of Brook Park, OH and the late Christine (Donald) Day of Kearney, NE. Proud aunt of six nieces and nephews.

A visitation for Barbara will be held on Monday, May 30, from 1:00 to 7:00 pm with a Scripture Service and Sharing of Memories at 5:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd., (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Friends and family will gather on Tuesday, May 31, from 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak, 48067.

We will lay my mom, Barbara Cliffler to rest with my grandparents in Cleveland Ohio on Thursday, June 23. We invite our family and friends to join us for a memorial mass and catholic burial service. Mass at 11am local time at Mary Queen of Peace (formerly Our Lady of Good Counsel 4423 Pearl Rd, Cleveland, OH). Burial immediately following at Holy Cross Cemetery (14609 Brookpark Rd, Brook Park, OH).

Please visit our website for live streaming of the Scripture Service, Sharing of Memories, and a recording of the Funeral Mass.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
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Scripture/Sharing of Memories Service

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Funeral Mass

MAY 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
730 S. Lafayette Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Barbara J. Cliffel*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - May 30, 2022 at 04:29 PM

LB

Thank you for sharing this wonderful webcast service. God Bless all of you. Another piece of my heart is broken. Lynn Bracic

Lynn Bracic - May 30, 2022 at 05:57 PM

MA

Thank you for streaming this special time together to remember, my cousin Barb. My mother, Irene, was her godmother and I know she is looking forward to line dancing and doing the polka together with Barb in heaven.

My deepest sympathy.

Maribeth, Orlando, FL

Maribeth - May 30, 2022 at 06:27 PM

CT

Thank you girls. Some of the stories I've heard before some i've not. So appreciative that she and Wayne were such a intricate part of our lives.

corinne thibert - May 30, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Cliffel.*



May 30, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Cliffel.*



May 27, 2022 at 08:16 AM

LM

“*Barb was a wonderful friend who never hesitated to offer help, share a laugh, or lend a kind ear. I met Barb shortly after she moved to Huntington Woods at the Huntington Woods Sunday Coffee Klatch. I was immediately drawn to her warm spirit & knew that I wanted to get to know her better. She became a core member of our social group - The Driveway Divas - which was formed shortly before Covid.*

Before Covid, we had Happy Hour get-togethers, tried old & new restaurants, attended plays/concerts & generally enjoyed each others company with Barb being an integral participant in all the activities. After Covid, we would all gather on a driveway to socialize during nice weather & participated in Zoom calls during the colder weather. Barb never missed an opportunity to participate in the socializing unless her family needed her for any reason. Family came first for Barb. We all knew about the accomplishments of her grandchildren, all of whom she was VERY proud.

She was always up for a good time unless it interfered with her watching her favorite sports game/team. We all got the biggest kick out of her sports enthusiasm.

Barb has left a big hole in the Driveway Divas group as well as in our hearts. She will be sorely missed. I feel blessed that I did have the opportunity to get to know her & call her my friend. She was the very best kind of friend!!

My deepest sympathies to her daughters & grandchildren. Barb was truly a wonderful human being.

Laura McCulloch - May 26, 2022 at 07:03 PM