



## Barbara J. Lanham

February 16, 1937 - January 24, 2023

Barbara Jean Lanham, a resident of Sterling Heights, passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at the age of 85. A daughter of James and Ethel McNeely, Barbara was born on February 16, 1937 in Ward, West Virginia. She attended high school in her hometown. At 18, Barbara put on her nicest dress and said "I do" to Huston Lanham in a West Virginia courthouse. Shortly thereafter, the young couple moved to Michigan to build a life together. Barbara and Huston were blessed with seven children, all roughly a year apart. Barbara found work as a statistician for Eaton, formerly Lectron Products, in Rochester Hills. She retired after 25 years of service.

Barbara maintained a spotless home. Every spring she would perform a deep clean- even taking a knife to the slotted doors of her closets. Her values were old-fashioned and her personality was kind. Barbara never raised her voice or judged those around her. She appreciated the simple pleasures of getting her hair styled and never smoke or drank. Barbara's children and grandchildren came before all else, and she treasured the holidays she hosted with them well into her 80s. The door to Barbara's home was always open, and as her family grew older, they stayed within a ten-minute drive to visit her. Barbara faced health challenges in her later years, including a life-threatening case of tetanus at 74 and recurring shingles, but despite these complications she never hesitated to help her friends and family. Her kindness endured throughout her life, and those who loved Barbara remember her as a saint.

She will be missed dearly.

Beloved wife of Huston. Loving mother of Edward (Lisa), Kathy (David) Grass, the late Richard, Steve (Crystal), Michael, Linda (Stephen) Kneebone, and the late Diane (Bobby) Gill. Cherished grandmother of Jason, Shawn, Brian (Karen) Grass, Nicole (Michael) Basilico, Joshua, Jeremy (Giane) Kneebone, Hannah (William) Fetterhoff, Troy Gill, Zachary Gill, and Dylan Gill. Treasured great-grandmother of Gauge, Vito, Jameson, William, Paige, and Charlotte. Dear sister of twelve.

A visitation for Barbara will be held on Friday, January 27, from 3:00 to 8:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 8459 Hall Rd., Utica, 48317. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, January 28, from 10:30 am until time of funeral service at 11:00 am at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 3:00 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/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mary Murphy lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Lanham*



Mary Murphy - January 30, 2023 at 06:29 AM

MM

“ *a lovely lady always kind and giving. Good neighbor. Always kind to me when we rode and worked together. She will be greatly missed. The Murphy family sends prayers and condolence to the Lanham family. May she rest in peace*

Mary Murphy - January 30, 2023 at 06:26 AM

JH

“ *When visiting our Michigan family it's always been so nice to see Barb and Hootie. She was always so beautiful and kind and just loved to just sit and hold my granddaughters when they were babies. She made the best macaroni salad for the reunions up north too! She was a great cook and was always very well put together. There will never be another like her. Prayers for her family and especially Hootie. Love, Tommy, Jenine and Hilary Hackney from WV.*



Jenine Hackney - January 28, 2023 at 11:33 PM

TP

“ *Eddie I'm sorry to hear about your mom. She sounds like very hard working living woman. Bless you and Lisa and your whole family*

Tami Pomaville - January 28, 2023 at 09:23 PM

DJ

“ Aunt Barbara Was a wonderful person. she was so sweet. She LOVED All Her children & Grandkids; she was so proud of them. To know her was to love her. Her hair & house was always perfect, our hearts are breaking, she will be missed by Everyone. who knew her. God got another Angel. We are praying for her hole family. Love Debbie & Randall & Randy Judkins RIP

Debbie & Randall Judkins - January 28, 2023 at 12:02 AM

MF

“ The Flowers Family are deeply saddened to hear the news of our dear friend and neighbors passing. Our kids grew up together, we grew old together. Love you Barbara, will miss you.

mary Lou Flowers - January 27, 2023 at 10:13 AM



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



January 27, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.



January 27, 2023 at 07:33 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.



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January 26, 2023 at 09:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.



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January 26, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.



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January 26, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.



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January 26, 2023 at 11:20 AM

YT

“ Your friends at East Lind Heat Treat purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.



Your friends at East Lind Heat Treat - January 26, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.



January 26, 2023 at 07:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.



January 26, 2023 at 04:01 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.



January 25, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ *DeAnn Gendron Daniels lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Lanham*



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**DeAnn Gendron Daniels** - January 25, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Lanham.*



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January 25, 2023 at 06:52 PM