



Barbara Lee Locke

June 25, 1929 - April 24, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Barbara Lee Locke (née, Johnson) who left us peacefully on April 24, 2025, at the age of 95. Barbara was born on June 25, 1929, to John and Ella Johnson. A beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, Barbara's life was marked by unwavering love, kindness, and dedication to her family and community.

Barbara is survived by her cherished children: Jill (Alan) Goldberg, Gayle (Donald) Peters, John (Wendy), and David. Her legacy continues through her adored grandchildren: Jason (Maegan), Ryan, Sherill (Dan), Frederick (Nitzan), Krista (Tom), Leanna (Dan), Harmony (Chad), Melissa (Chuck), Jordan, Brandon, and Brett. She was a proud and doting great-grandmother to Gabriel, Destiny, Ella, Shira, Ari, Zev, Ava, Tanner, Claire, Calvin, Lyndon, Joshua, Brendon, Allison, Anna, Ashlyn, Caiden, Chloe, and Carliegh. She is also survived by her dear brother, Kenneth (the late Trudy) Johnson.

Barbara was predeceased by her beloved husband, Calvin Locke; her parents, John and Ella (née Cadieux) Johnson; and her brothers, William and Gerald Johnson.

Barbara spent many years serving as a devoted secretary at several places, including the U.S. Postal Service and in the Utica School District, where her dedication and warmth touched the lives of many. She had a deep love for reading, a curious spirit for travel, and an unmatched passion for being with her family. Her home was always open, her heart always full, and her arms always ready to embrace those she loved.

Family was the cornerstone of Barbara's life. She was the heartbeat of every gathering, the gentle listener, the wise advisor, and the loving presence who made everyone feel seen and cherished. Her kindness, grace, and generosity will be remembered and carried on by all who had the joy of knowing her. Barbara's life was a testament to love, strength, and selfless devotion. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Rest in peace, Barbara. Your love lives on in every heart you touched.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 29, from 10am until the time of her funeral service at 1pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3blks. E. of Van Dyke) in Utica. Her burial will take place immediately following the service at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Please share a memory of Barbara at <<http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com>>.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 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

APR **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Utica, MI 48317
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Burial

APR **29**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Love & Prayers from your Alabama Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Barbara Lee Locke.



Love & Prayers from your Alabama Family - April 28, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Love & Prayers from your Alabama Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Lee Locke.

Love & Prayers from your Alabama Family - April 28, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Locke.



April 28, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Lee Locke.

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AZ

“ Ari & Zev purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Barbara Lee Locke.



Ari & Zev - April 27, 2025 at 10:42 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences to the family. 🌸
I am praying for peace and comfort through this sorrowful time of life. Love you! ❤️✚

John Wesson - April 27, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee Locke.



April 27, 2025 at 10:57 AM

NK

“ Nick and Vickey Kahaian purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Barbara Lee Locke.



Nick and Vickey Kahaian - April 27, 2025 at 04:16 AM

RM

“ *Grandma Locke was always the life of a family get together. She was always there and ready to sit down and tell a story Grandma was a great storyteller. It was one of the best parts of a family get together. I always looked up to Grandma in the face of tragedy. She stood tall and kept going. I will truly miss her and will never forget her. I love you, grandma.*

Ryan J McMinn - April 26, 2025 at 06:40 AM

JR

“ *RIP Mrs. Locke.*



Joyce Rae Ficek Rund - April 25, 2025 at 07:59 PM

DC

“ *Denny, Diana, Nick & Chris purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Barbara Lee Locke.*



Denny, Diana, Nick & Chris - April 25, 2025 at 07:53 PM