



Barbara McKnight

March 19, 1928 - July 6, 2025

Barbara Josephine McKnight, age 97, passed away after a long, well-lived life on Sunday, July 6, 2025. Barbara, better known as Barb, Aunt Barb or Auntie Babs, left this world to join her beloved Doc, brother Bill, sister Olga, niece Maureen and so many other beloved siblings, family and friends.

Barb worked for the Catholic Social Services as an Adoption Social Worker and loved helping children and families as well as creating a deep connection with so many of her coworkers. Her love of family was shown in so many ways including caring for her many siblings as they aged and providing constant love and support for her nieces and their children. She spent many a weekend and holiday hosting large family get-togethers, playing card games and spoiling her great nieces and nephews. She never grew up with pets, but late-in-life she developed a deep connection with the family dogs and adored animals.

She is survived by his nephew Rudolph Jakobcic, his children, her great nieces and nephew Margaret and Donald Davis, Andrew and Yumiko Jakobcic, Katie and Cullen Kronemeyer, Nicholas Jakobcic, and Emma and David Campbell; and, the absolute lights of her life, her great, great nieces and nephews Ethan, Gracie, Stella, and Mora Jakobcic and Joseph Davis. She is also survived by her niece Margaret Rhodes and her four sons James, Timothy, Mark and David and their children. Although she will be greatly

missed, we are all comforted in knowing that we have learned from her generosity, grace and perseverance.

Visitation for Barbara will be held on Thursday, July 10, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 10:00 a.m., at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon St., Birmingham, MI 48009.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Name Catholic Church
630 Harmon
Birmingham, MI 48009

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“ Barbara was my social worker back when I was 17 years old, unmarried and pregnant. I was a very scared young lady. That was 50 years ago...and strangely I just wondered if Barbara was still here with us, and sadly found she is not. My deepest condolences to all her family members who obviously adored and loved her deeply. She was, to me, in my 17 year old life - a calm in a great storm. She stood by my side and gave quiet support that held me up. She went with me, on one of the hardest most painful days of my life, to court to appear before the judge to finalize the adoption. She consoled me and encouraged me. I wanted to share this with her family, and I hope it gives even the tiniest bit of loving comfort to you all. Everyday we meet people, some we remember, many we forget. I remembered Barbara....I am grateful to God for giving Barbara to me at a time in my life when I needed it. God bless.

Juliana Peck - March 12 at 10:20 AM



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

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara McKnight.



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