



Barbara Ruffner

August 10, 1952 - January 24, 2016

Barbara J. Ruffner, age 63 of Warren, passed away January 24, 2016. Beloved wife of Charles E. Ruffner. Dear mother of Charles S. Ruffner. Dear sister of Nancy Bigler, Larry Ruthenberg and James Ruthenberg. A memorial gathering and service will be held on Wednesday at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blks. E. of Van Dyke) Utica from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. time of service. Memorials suggested to The Wishes of the Family. Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

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Tribute Wall

 Cheryl Short

“ Barb you were my childhood friend when I met you at Kennedy Jr High School. You were always funny and made me laugh. I also remember you baby sitting two doors down from where I lived on Cornell in Pontiac. I can go on and on. You were loved and will be missed very much!!



Cheryl Short - February 06, 2016 at 08:49 PM

 SR

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. I have so so so many happy memories of her as we were growing up, Charlie. She made everything magical with her kindness and enthusiasm. My thoughts and prayers are with you both.

-Sarah Winsky

sraah - January 28, 2016 at 06:58 AM

 CR

Thanks Sarah.

charles ruffner - January 28, 2016 at 10:04 PM

HR

“ *Barbara Ruthenberg Ruffner has always been a good friend to my family, in particular my mother Judy Shelby and my Father Brian Black. When I was a little girl living with my Grandparents Ray and Cleo Black we'd often see Barb at Sears. Where she always had a big hug for a lonely little girl and always a kind word for my Grandparents. Later thru the magic of Facebook I reconnected with her and her kinsness had not diminished over the years for me. I will miss you Barb but I know I will see you soon. Love & Light ?*

Heather Black Rodriguez - January 27, 2016 at 02:12 PM

MM

“ *I had the privilege of working with Barb at Sears Pontiac. As a young Assistant Manager she made my life much easier. Her work ethic and great communication skills with customers were 2 traits that I rarely saw over my next 23 years at Sears. On top of her wonderful enthusiasm and love of life she was the BEST Winnie the Pooh that the store ever had!! She loved getting in that costume and making the kids happy.
Prayers to family and friends.
Mike McGraw
Eagan, MN*

Mike McGraw - January 26, 2016 at 08:56 PM

CR

Thanks Mike her work ethic has carried down to our son he his a valued member of the management team at his Walmart store.

charles ruffner - January 28, 2016 at 10:08 PM

KG

“ Aunt Barb was always good at making us kids laugh. I remember fun times going out to Gull Island on your boat as well as birthday parties at your house. She always treated my son Jordan well and he still has the Scooby Doo stuffed animal that Barb got him for a present. Jordan also told me that he felt sad and that he will miss Barb. Even though the news is very sad, I think that Barb is at peace now. She can finally rest, free from pain. My condolences to Uncle Charlie and Charlie, we all loved Aunt Barb. From Barb's Nephew, Kerry.

Kathie Georgescu - January 26, 2016 at 05:57 PM

CR

Thanks for the beautiful comments.

Charles E Ruffner - January 26, 2016 at 08:15 PM

MR

“ Well this was a tough loss for me, my Aunt Barb Always Awesome. She typically always had a Great Sense of Humor, always laughing, telling jokes, and just being happy with what she had. She was one of those people more worried about making others smiling, and making their day, well just because that's who she was as a person...

Another special quality about Aunt Barb was doing her job every day with pride, and making co workers happy, weather it was at McDonalds, WalMart , and from reading here it sounds like Sears was No different...

I specifically remember in high school going to the McDonalds after school where she worked at, people along with myself would be waiting for her to take our orders, and if she was busy taking someone else's order customers along with myself would wait for her to take our orders because she was a fun person and made ordering at McDonalds a fun experience... She made working as much fun as possible and of course there were some laughs along the way...

Lastly, she was a great person who is going to be missed, and Heaven is going to have another Special Angel... Love Matt

Matt Ruffner - January 26, 2016 at 11:05 AM

CR

Thanks Matt for the wonderful comments.

Charles E Ruffner - January 26, 2016 at 09:25 PM

LH

“ I met Barb in 7th grade. She always had a way to have fun and make me laugh. She had such an upbeat personality. She was taken from us too soon, but I know she is smiling and at peace. We have an angel watching over all of us. She'll always be remembered with love.

We love you Barb.

Love, Jerry and (Linda Lutey) Howard

linda howard - January 26, 2016 at 08:31 AM

CR

Thanks for the beautiful memory.

Charles E Ruffner - January 26, 2016 at 09:26 PM

JL

“ Nancy and Family, I was sad to hear of your sister's death. Sending prayers and sympathy to you and all your family.

Joann Lake - January 25, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ Barb and I worked together at Sears many years ago. She was always so happy and friendly. When I was 21 years old I was pregnant with my first child, Barb and my other co-workers surprised me with a baby shower. When my daughter was born I needed nothing but formula. We reconnected on Facebook some years ago. I will miss pictures of her holiday decorations and all of her warm and funny posts.

I still have old photos of baby Charlie. Boy was she proud of her son.

To her husband Charlie, son Charlie, her sister and brothers and family. You will be in my prayers. May you rest in peace dear friend.

Eloise Harris - January 25, 2016 at 07:41 PM

CR

Thanks for your beautiful comments Barb talked often about you.

Charles Ruffner - January 25, 2016 at 10:28 PM

GN

“ *Barbara was a neighbor from Yale street.. A memory I remember was playing baseball in the vacant yard across the street.. And I am not sure if she ever got in trouble for picking apples at Mr. swancys house.. We sure did .. Barb you are going to be missed ..*

Ginger Wiscombe Nies - January 25, 2016 at 06:52 PM

CR

Thanks Ginger

Charles Ruffner - January 25, 2016 at 10:34 PM



Good memories sister!! Those were fun times

Sherrill Wiscombe Pearson - January 26, 2016 at 11:53 AM

MK

“ *I worked with Barbara and Charlie at Sears many years ago. I remember when they got engaged. I ran into her a couple years ago and we reconnected on Facebook. I will miss her Facebook pictures and posts. She was always a happy bubbly person. I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers continue for the family.*

Mary Ellen Keefer - January 25, 2016 at 06:50 PM

CR

Thanks Mary

Charles Ruffner - January 25, 2016 at 10:33 PM

JI

“ So very sorry for your loss.

Jan Ivinson - January 25, 2016 at 05:45 PM

CR

Thanks Jan.

Charles E Ruffner - January 26, 2016 at 09:27 PM

TG

“ The Wilsons - Rick, Mindy, and Gary purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Barbara Ruffner.



The Wilsons - Rick, Mindy, and Gary - January 25, 2016 at 04:26 PM

 Sherry
Pierce

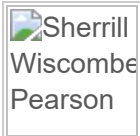
“ Barbara and I were best friends from about kindergarten to 6th grade when I moved to N.C. for a year....when I came back I attended school in Ortonville while Barb attended Pontiac Northern but we remained close friends even after graduation...We hung out together a lot, going shopping, to the beach and out dancing almost every weekend. We lost touch for a lot of years but found each other again on facebook a couple of years ago...I will always remember her laugh, the fun we had together and how funny we though it was when people mistook us for twins. I have lost a dear friend but heaven has gained a beautiful angel...rest in peace, Barbara..you will be missed.

Sherry Pierce - January 25, 2016 at 02:18 PM

CR

Thanks Sherry.

Charles E Ruffner - January 26, 2016 at 09:28 PM



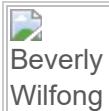
“ *Barb my family is so broken right now. I know you are in heaven with no more pain, but losing a neighborhood friend is so hard. I personally enjoyed you telling me stories about my childhood and my dad who I couldn't remember because he died when I was so young. I pray that God will give your family comfort my friend. Always in our hearts. Ginger, Sherrill and Tim.*

Sherrill Wiscombe Pearson - January 25, 2016 at 01:42 PM

CR

Thanks for the beautiful comments.

Charles E Ruffner - January 26, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ *Barb and I were in Brownies and Girl Scouts together. Went to elementary and high school together and reconnected on Facebook. She was always so upbeat and one of the most friendliest individuals I have ever known. I am so sorry for your loss but know that heaven has another angel. Beverly (Gibson)Wilfong*

Beverly Wilfong - January 25, 2016 at 01:31 PM

DN

Sorry for your loss Nancy and the rest of your family.

Dawn Nelson - January 25, 2016 at 02:15 PM

GB

Its hard to loose a friend . Our heart goes out to the Family of Barbra Ruffner and to you Nancy Bigler . Your best friend will still be your best friend at night when you pray and talk to her .

Gary G. Bernard - January 25, 2016 at 02:25 PM

L(

So sorry for the loss of Barb. I graduated with her from Pontiac Northern. I was friends with her in school, but after school we went our separate ways. So, sad for this to happen. Heaven has gained. an angel. May God be with the family and Bless them. Also Bless all who knew Barb, so sad. RIP Barb?.

Linda Jordan (Kukuk) - January 25, 2016 at 02:57 PM

BM

so sorry barb r.i.p my friend sad for this to happen

bubba myre - January 25, 2016 at 06:06 PM

JK

Dear Barb, You will be missed. I will always remember your strong Love for your Family. I also looked forward to seeing your decorations for each Holiday on Facebook. I who do very little decorating salute you! I know you will be looking down on your friends and family sending your Love & Support. You had a life well lived. Rest in Peace!
Julianne Kusku

Julianne Kusku - January 25, 2016 at 06:16 PM

CR

Thanks for all the beautiful comments.

Charles E Ruffner - January 26, 2016 at 09:31 PM