



Barbara J. Snell

September 23, 1953 - June 9, 2022

Barbara J. Snell, a resident of Warren, passed away on June 9, 2022 at the age of 68. A daughter of Frank and Marie Baty, Barbara was born on September 23, 1953 in Mt. Clemens. She attended Mt. Clemens High School before working as a manager with Meijer for 25 years. Barbara married Steven Snell, on April 22, 1995 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak.

Barbara has been a fighter all her life. Born with cancer, she endured surgeries and complications that limited her life expectation to 2 years of age, then 5 years. Barbara lovingly annoyed her physicians because she continued to prove them wrong. Barbara never complained and focused on the needs of everyone else but her own. Barbara exceeded her doctors' expectations, even after a second cancer diagnosis. Her anthem became Reba McEntire's "I'm A Survivor."

Barbara's greatest joy in life was her family. She loved to run after her grandbabies, despite her oxygen support. Her grandchildren even learned to step on her oxygen tube with mischievous smiles. An accomplished baker, Barbara was known for her pies and cookies. She decorated her home for every holiday. Barbara held strongly to her faith and read her Bible. She spoke regularly with her sisters and held the hands of any family member who needed it. Selfless beyond measure, Barbara made herself available to help anyone and everyone. She even felt guilty when she got sick. Barbara was

funny, strong-willed, and committed to her family.

Beloved wife of Steven, joined in loved for 27 years. Loving mother of Benjamin (Susan) Jasmund, Tebeth Snell, and Timothy (Melissa) Snell. Cherished grandmother of Jacob, Lukas, and Hannah Joy. Dear sister of the late Donald (Barbara) Baty, Betty Canyock, and Patricia (Raymond) Czaiczynski. Treasured daughter-in-law of Donna Snell. Barbara will also be dearly missed by many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A visitation for Barbara will take place on Sunday, June 12, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Barbara will lie in state on Monday, June 13, from 10:00 am until time of funeral service at 11:00 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. 5th St., Royal Oak, 48067. Barbara will be laid to rest at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Clinton Township.

Donations in Barbara's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 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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<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 E. Fifth Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Burial

JUN 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery
38425 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Tribute Wall

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“ *Barb had a zest and zeal for life we should all strive to enjoy! Even newly-met strangers would later recall her as "the fun one who was so friendly."*

Barb - you lived a life of honor, strength, service and care. And you've left behind a wonderful family legacy. Well done.

Brian Bellhorn - June 12, 2022 at 11:06 AM



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



June 11, 2022 at 10:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Snell.*



June 11, 2022 at 09:41 PM

MB

“ The most time Barb and I ever spent together was in the back seat of a car driving from Omaha to Kearney, Nebraska to attend Tim's confirmation, as I remember it. We were the two not-so-little brats in the back seat, bugging the driver, Steve Snell, about every 15 minutes, "Are we there yet?" There was a lot of corn and soy beans along Route 80! Anyway, we had a good time together that weekend. A few years later Barb sent me a luggage tag that read, "Are we there yet?" I still have it on my carry-on.

I can hear Barb's laugh echoing in my ears today.

It was a privilege to know her.

I'm so glad for all our sakes that Steve married her. Smart and lucky man!

Aunt Maggie

Maggie Burns - June 11, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Snell.*



June 11, 2022 at 12:47 PM

MM

“ *Maureen McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Snell*



Maureen McLaughlin - June 11, 2022 at 12:30 PM