



Barbara May Koch

December 12, 1934 - March 29, 2018

Age 83, passed away on Friday, March 29, 2018 at Heartland Health Care Center of Ann Arbor. She was born on December 12, 1934 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Orville and Elleree Dumbleton Schwalm.

Barbara married Norman Koch at the First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor on August 22, 1959. They were married 56 wonderful years until his passing in 2015.

She graduated from Ann Arbor High School and Eastern Michigan University, and taught elementary and pre-school in the Ann Arbor Public School system for more than 30 years before retiring in 1988.

Barbara is survived by her nieces and nephews, Susan Koch, LuAnn Koch, Nancy (David) Broxholm, Gary (Debbie) Koch, Amy (Brett) Bishop and Michael Koch, and by several great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her cousins, Drs. Melody and Craig MacMartin, Marily and Clint Sampson, and by many special friends, including Norman and Debbie Stoll. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Norman, her nephew Brian Koch, and her husband's brothers, Carl Koch and Robert Koch.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Barbara's name to the American Cancer Society or to Arbor Hospice.

Cemetery

Bethlehem Cemetery

2801 Jackson Ave
Ann Arbor, MI, 48103

Events

APR 7 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM
Carpenter Road Chapel
2400 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48108

APR 7 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Carpenter Road Chapel
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Comments



“ Barb, I hardly know what to do with myself now that you have gone. The past three years with you have given me so many wonderful memories. We had a great time together on our little outings to the pond, where we ate our subway sandwiches. And, the beautiful drives down Warren road to see the Dominican Nuns, who sometimes would stop to talk with us. We so enjoyed going with my sister for a country ride, and stopping at the A&W for lunch. Wasn't that fun going to the knitting group at the Senior Center and talking with the ladies? Getting to be friends with you was an honor. I am glad you had the chance to do some of the things you liked to do. You found enjoyment in the simple things. Averil also loved spending time with you and typing on that old typewriter of yours. I will never forget you, nor will my family. We all miss and love you so much.

Love Debbie



Debbie Stoll - April 05, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ My sweet friend, I am going to miss you terribly. We had plans to go to the A&W in Dexter this coming Spring but you have gone home to be with family. I really wish I could have had more time with you in my life. My sister and I so enjoyed doing simple things like having a picnic in the country on some back road, or just taking a ride through the country and discovering new places. I will miss the tea and cookies and our lovely chats at your kitchen table.

I loved you Barb

CIndy

Cindy McGregor - April 05, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ Goodbye Barb!

It's a shame that you and I couldn't have spent more time together, but I am thankful for having the chance to know you. It was so enjoyable seeing you discover anew some of the simple pleasures in life, and am happy that you were able to forge a bond with family. Thank you, for your generous spirit. I am happy that you can now

enjoy freedom from worries and pain.

Love,
Brian



Brian Stoll - March 30, 2018 at 01:30 PM