



Barbara M. Grace

April 15, 1929 - December 25, 2019

In Loving Memory of Barbara Mae (Kissell) Grace of East Smithfield, PA, born April 15, 1929 ...

On Christmas Day December 25, 2019 in the early morning our beautiful Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great Great Grandmother and dear Friend peacefully passed on to the loving embrace of our merciful Lord. She is survived by her loving, devoted husband of 70 years Donald L. Grace of East Smithfield, PA. Adoring children, Dennis (Loretta) Grace of Endicott, NY, Charles (Linda) Grace of East Smithfield, PA, Ronald (Lori) Grace of Newark Valley, NY, Joy (Thomas) Calaman of Lake Wesauking, PA. Loving Grandchildren; Marjorie (Jack) Raynor of Apalachin, NY, Theresa Billet (Bob Post) of Owego, NY, Eddie Grace of East Smithfield, PA, Barbie (Jon) Cooper of Gillett, PA, Ron (Becky) Grace of Sayre, PA, Keith Tebo (Amber Rhoades) of Kennesaw, GA, Wendy Tebo (Tom Kaczynski) of Glen Aubrey, NY, Connie (Kevin) Shipman Jr. of East Smithfield, PA, Michele (Jamie) Campbell of Athens, PA, Mel (Tammie) Bair of East Smithfield, PA, Melissa (Ken) Hartenstein of Wakeman, OH, Adam (Rebecca) Vallese of Endicott, NY, Bryan Vallese of Syracuse, NY. Twenty-seven beloved great grandchildren and nineteen great great grandchildren. Siblings, Skip (Joan) Kissell, Joann Fuller, Hallock Kissell, Ed (Hilda) Kissell, David (Susie) Kissell.

Pre-deceased by parents Ralph and Ione Kissell, siblings Gene Kissell, Bob

Kissell, Gordon Kissell, Connie Kissell.

After graduating from Towanda High School in 1947 Barbara stepped into the workforce and worked various jobs before embarking on a career opportunity lasting nearly 30 years at Westinghouse in Horseheads, NY. Much of that time Barbara spent alongside close friend and Coworker, Catherine Hulett. As well as diligently working as quality control specialists they managed to include good food and laughter as a regular part of their day. She was a committed community member volunteering much of her leisure time in support of The Big Pond Lions Club, East Smithfield United Methodist Church, Troy Fair Committee as well as assisting folks at the Office for the Aging with correctly completing insurance and tax forms.

She was an avid fan of crossword puzzles, gardening, camping, NASCAR, bowling and hummingbird watching. She adorned all her family members with beautifully crocheted afghans and would often be working on them as she sat beside her husband, Donald, as they watched television together in the evening.

She was an excellent cook and baker, entertaining family with amazing meals on holidays and weekends with jars full of ginger snaps and homemade raspberry pies that were sought after by family and friends alike as she would also make them for church dinners and The Lions club fish fries.

Above all else Barbara valued family whether gatherings at Graceland Acres by the pond celebrating birthdays, holidays, reunions, anniversaries with family and friends or square dancing at Miller's, watching the Coldlrons, Marge and The Country Folks or Bingo in Zephyrhills, FL. Barb always loved being surrounded by family and engaging with family and friends in all the

group activities she enthusiastically and joyfully participated in.

We, the family of Barbara Grace would like to acknowledge the kindness, dedication and care given to our amazing family member. The Memory Care Unit at BCM treated “Barbie” with grace and professionalism, for this we are deeply appreciative. Thank you for all you did and continue to do for all of the fortunate residents in your care.

God Bless.

Friends and Family are invited to please join us in a service of Celebration of Life on behalf of Barbara on January 4th, 2020, 11am at The French Asylum Methodist Church, 5001-5099 French Asylum Road, Towanda, PA.

In lieu of flowers please send donations on behalf of Barbara to the French Asylum Methodist Church or The Alzheimer’s Foundation at act.alz.org/donate

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

French Asylum United Methodist Church
French Asylum Road
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara M. Grace*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Barbara M. Grace*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Barbara M. Grace*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Barbara M. Grace*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Barbara M. Grace*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Thinking of you all today, prayers and love to you all. Hugs Joy, your Mom was a wonderful Lady, after all, she raised you! She is your Angel now, always to with you ❤️ Love and hugs, Terry Putnam and family.*



Terry Putnam - January 04, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara M. Grace.*



January 03, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Whenever I visited my mother in Towanda, one of our trips would be for her to visit her brother, Lloyd Grace. I'd then go over to the main house and chat with Barbara. She was knowledgeable about so many things, and interested in what I'd been doing, so we'd spend a pleasant afternoon. The last time I saw her was at the Manor, when Peggy and I visited her. I'd been in the Manor almost 3 months that year, and saw her several times. I thought it wonderful what good care Joy and her family took of her, taking her out to eat almost every week. She will be sorely missed. Ruth Donnocker, cousin.*

Ruth Donnocker - January 02, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *Barbara was one of the first residents I met when my mom, Jane Snyder came to 3E in August of 2016. I love her from the start. I always was glad to see her. My mom passed in June. So hard for you to lose your mom on Christmas Day. She must have a great family because she was a beautiful person. God bless you!*

Sally Dewing - December 30, 2019 at 07:56 PM

YT

“ Your Ovation Travel Team purchased the Europe an Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Barbara M. Grace.



Your Ovation Travel Team - December 30, 2019 at 12:09 PM

DB

“ To the Grace Family, our sincere Sympathy to each of you, Barb was a very fine lady. may she rest in peace. Don & Carolyn Bixby

Don&Carolyn Bixby - December 30, 2019 at 08:19 AM

DB

“ Diane Bristol lit a candle in memory of Barbara M. Grace



Diane Bristol - December 29, 2019 at 11:10 AM

WS

“ All of you are in my thought and prayers. Barbra was an amazing lady. Will always remember her laugh and her smile. She loved all of you with all her ❤️. May her love for all of you give you peace at this time. She will deeply be missed by so many.

wendy smith - December 29, 2019 at 07:35 AM

SG

“ You were always so good to me growing up. Always gave the best hugs and had the warmest smile. You will be greatly missed. Rest easy Aunt Barb. Sherrill and family

Sherrill Grace-Liguori - December 28, 2019 at 05:15 PM

RE

“ Our deepest condolences to you, and yours. She was a beautiful, loving person, and will be deeply missed. She always had a lovely smile and kind word. Joy, it does get a little better, with each passing year, and our hearts get lighter, and the deep hurt and sadness wanes. Our loved ones are never forgotten. You are a fantastic daughter, and she will be with you always. With deep sadness, and much love, Bob & Dot Emery

Robert Emery - December 28, 2019 at 01:12 PM

JR

“ What a lovely lady. A loving mother to a long time childhood friend. She will be truly missed by family, friends and community! She raised her family to stay strong, follow her faith and to carry and share all the blessings of her teachings. Love, JACKI Roy



Jacki Roy - December 28, 2019 at 12:23 PM