



Shirley Ohart Barrett

April 23, 1934 - June 5, 2026

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Shirley Ohart Barrett, 92, of Towanda, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 5th, following a period of declining health. She was born on April 23, 1934 in Hepburn Township, the oldest of three children of Albert and Lillian (Cupp) Ohart. Her early childhood was spent in the Williamsport area, and then the family moved to Towanda, where Shirley graduated with the THS Class of 1952.

Shirley married her husband of 67 years, Robert Barrett, on October 4, 1952. Together they raised five children, her life's greatest source of pride and joy. She was a devoted and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend.

Shirley worked in various capacities at the Bradford County Court House for many years. Initially, she worked with Bradford County Action, then in the Prothonotary Office and for eleven years as deputy in the Treasurer's Office. In between, she was a secretary for podiatrist Dr. Ray Doyen. She was honored to receive the "Professional Office Worker of the Year" in recognition of her dedicated work ethic and excellent job performance. She was an active member and officer of the Towanda Business and Professional Women. Shirley was a meticulous homemaker, loved music, cats, gardening, and was an avid reader. She was a member of Valley Chorus for many years, and sang in the choir at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. She enjoyed playing canasta with a very special group of friends.

Over the years, Shirley spent countless hours supporting her children and grandchildren at their various school activities. A loyal fan, she was always ready to offer encouragement and praise. She traveled far and wide to watch her grandchildren

participate in a variety of high school and college sports. She enjoyed swimming with her aerobics group and walking.

There was nothing more important to Shirley than family. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Bob, in 2020, and her son-in-law, Lyle Williams, in 2006. She is survived by her children Christine (John) Sullivan of Towanda, Lynda Williams of Elmira, NY, Robert (Cheryl) Barrett of Elmira, NY, Michael Barrett of Marion, IN, and Paul Barrett of Elmira, NY. She is survived by nine loving grandchildren, JB(Colleen) Sullivan, Erin (Patrick)McCabe, Jodi Barrett, Bobby(Samantha) Barrett, Jeffrey(Angie)Williams, Carling(Waseam) Dannaoui, Hunter Barrett, Tamara Barrett, Kelli(Andy)Holloway, and two great-grandchildren, Thomas Sullivan and Eva Barrett. She is also survived by a sister, Sally Ohart, and brother, Raymond(Sarah) Ohart, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family is grateful for the compassionate and meaningful care Shirley received her last two years from the staff on One South at Elderwood Nursing Home.

Donations may be directed to the Bradford County Humane Society, 24812 Route 220, Ulster, PA 18850 or to a charity of your choice in Shirley's memory. There will be a time of visitation at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave., Towanda, Sunday, June 14th from 3:00PM-5:00 PM. A funeral Mass will be held at SS Peter & Paul Church in Towanda, Monday, June 15th, at 11:00AM. Burial will follow at SS Peter & Paul Cemetery. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery

James Street
North Towanda Township, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church
Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall

GD

“ Gary and Cindy Rowe and Stan Denbo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Ohart Barrett.



Gary and Cindy Rowe and Stan Denbo - June 11 at 10:20 AM

AD

“ Andrew & Dylan purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Shirley Ohart Barrett.



Andrew & Dylan - June 10 at 01:03 PM

AD

“ Andrew & Dylan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ohart Barrett.

Andrew & Dylan - June 10 at 01:03 PM

ES

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember the great canasta nights which all the ladies looked forward to. When my mom (Louise) hosted it, there were prizes and laughter. Shirley's memory will be a light in your hearts.



Elaine Silverstrim - June 10 at 08:30 AM

EL

“ Elaine & Larry lit a candle in memory of Shirley Barrett



Elaine & Larry - June 09 at 06:18 AM

LY

“ Shirley and her family were the greatest neighbors a family, new to the neighborhood, could ask for. When my family started renovating our new house, Shirley's boys were there to help. Chris and Lynda were some of our first babysitters. Shirley was always the one with a smile, a hug, or just a hand on your shoulder. Shirley was one-of-a-kind and will be missed dearly.

Lisa Young - June 08 at 08:59 PM