



Barbara Sue Calkins

August 22, 1929 - February 25, 2023

Barbara Sue Calkins, 93, of Bloomfield passed away Saturday February 25, 2023.

Born August 22, 1929 in Chicago the daughter of Frank and Irene (Plantz) Tryner.

In 1953, while working for International Harvester she met the blue-eyed Burton “Hank” Calkins, the perky cute Barb worked for Mr. Dacey, one of the heads of the company, it was Hank’s job to bring her weekly reports of any issues he came across while testing engines. They began dating and married on June 11, 1955; they soon moved to Indiana and started a family, welcoming Linda in 1962 and Bruce in 1964.

The couple became immersed in farm life and one could always find Barb right there amongst the men shearing Christmas trees or driving tractors along the bumpy pastures caring for their cattle. Bara was tiny but mighty, strong and energetic. Despite her days filled with many farming activities, Bara was very active in her church Holy Name in Bloomfield and the Happy Homemakers. She always found time to bake “especially yummy cookie bars” or for a family game of uno, spoons, ect.

She leaves behind her loving husband Burton Calkins, daughters, Linda (Pat)

McGurn, Kathy (Steve) Ligon, and son Bruce (Lisa) Calkins; her grandchildren, Daniel (Morgan) Ligon, Rachel Calkins, Ash Calkins, sister-in-law, Gail Tryner as well as several nieces and nephews.

Barb was preceded in death by one son, Robert who passed at birth, grandchildren, Blake and Noah Calkins and her brothers.

Visitation will be held on Monday March 6, 2023 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield from 4 to 7 P.M; Father Simon Natha will have a Rosary Service at 7:00 P.M.

Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove, Illinois.

Online condolences and memories can be shared at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ So sorry to hear of Barb's passing. We all had a lot of good times together rather hay rides, sledding or just visiting. Barb and I were in HCE together a lot of years and she and some of our other girl friends played bridge. We always had a good time. Have thought of you both over the years but had not seen either of you in years.
Ruth Johnson (used to be Wheelock)

Ruth Johnson - March 05, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Sue Calkins.



March 05, 2023 at 03:03 PM

MW

“ I used to play tennis with Burt for many years and as soon as he learned I had some computer skills, I became his "IT guy". He was always asking questions and needing help doing one thing or another (digitizing his vinyl records, scanning documents, recovering from viruses, etc.) so I spent many a late night or weekend afternoon at their house. My payment was always a delicious home-cooked meal from Barbara. We'd sit at the dining room table while she and Burt shared stories. I was living very close to where they moved to in Bedford back in the '50's and she would always ask if I knew so-and-so, one of their neighbors from the time. She was a smart, dear lady who will be truly missed.

Mark Walker - March 05, 2023 at 12:13 PM

MW

“ *Mark Walker purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Barbara Sue Calkins.*



Mark Walker - March 05, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Sue Calkins.*



March 04, 2023 at 04:32 PM

JP

“ Oh my! How I loved that couple, and Bruc(ie), (sorry Bruce!) and Linda. I can only remember wholesomeness. Such a loving individual. Burt and I used to play racquetball, and afterward, we were very concerned about losing so many calories and so much water from our rigorous exercise, that we went to the local Bloomington watering hole, and had pizza and beer to nourish our 'depleted' bodies. Well, one day Barb came up to Bloomington with Burt (it must have been later in the day), and when it came time to go out and eat, the 'ladies' didn't want to have anything to do with pizza and beer, they wanted something else. So we went to an oriental restaurant and had duck. No one (and I mean no one) could chew it it was so rubbery and tough. So we called it Barb's rubber duckie restaurant--gad she was fun to kid. After that, whenever we were deciding where to eat, I would say, "I want some rubber duckie". We even gave her a floating, rubber ducky one Christmas which floated in the bathtub she could squeeze and it made a squeaking sound. Such a wholesome, wonderful individual. I remember her kindness and her loving spirit most of all. God will I miss her.

James Patterson - March 04, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Sue Calkins.



March 04, 2023 at 09:06 AM

MB

“ *Barbara was always to be around. I knew her through Extension Homemakers.
She will be missed by all.*

Martha Bowers - March 02, 2023 at 10:33 AM

MB

“ *Martha Bowers lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Calkins*



Martha Bowers - March 02, 2023 at 10:30 AM

KC

“ *Our deepest sympathies*



Kathy Crouch - March 01, 2023 at 10:25 PM

SC

“ *sandy cole sent a virtual gift in memory of
Barbara Calkins*



sandy cole - March 01, 2023 at 08:47 PM

SC

“ What I remember most about my aunt Barb is her love for saving money at the grocery store. We would check out all the sales ads and clip coupons before we would go shopping and we would go to the stores that had the S&H green stamps. Then when returning from the store, if we had bought anything for my grandma, who lived down the road, the two of them would go back-and-forth about how much one owed the other. I would go with aunt Barb to her Happy Homemaker meetings and one time she used me in a first aid class as a victim needing to be bandaged for a wound or wrapped up with an ace bandage etc. Aunt Barb would get up at the crack of dawn, go out in the field come back at lunchtime, make lunch, and while she was relaxing, she would do some ironing and watch her soap opera, eat her lunch and go back out in the field till dark. We would make brownies, choc chip cookies and some kind of pudding cake. Being married to a cattle farmer pretty much every evening meal had some kind of beef. One entrée comes to mind, her meatza pie. I could keep writing but then nobody else would get a chance to read all the other memories that will be posted. Goodbye aunt Barb you will be missed.

sandy cole - March 01, 2023 at 08:43 PM

AK

“ Burt, I am greatly saddened to learn of the passing of your dear wife, Barbara. Deep Sympathy, Al Kosinski

Al Kosinski - March 01, 2023 at 07:39 PM

SR

“ Bruce & Lisa, So sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts & prayers.

Jason & Stephanie Roberts

Stephanie Roberts - March 01, 2023 at 03:53 PM

LW

“ *Hi Burt, Norma and I want to share condolences with you. We had not heard from you since my 80th Birthday Party. We will not be able to attend services because we are still in Texas. We have great memories of you and Barb on our many get-togethers. My son Bob sent the link to the obit.*

Larry and Norma Wheelock

Larry and Norma Wheelock - March 01, 2023 at 01:23 PM