



God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around you
And whispered. "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.

Although we could not bear to lose you.
We could not ask you to stay.

A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands laid to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us
That He only takes the best.



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Barbara Herschberger

April 8, 1937 - March 21, 2025

Barbara Jean Herschberger was born on April 8, 1937, to Vernon Melvin and Grace Evelyn (Severson) Clawson in Duluth, Minnesota. After Grace's accidental death in 1939, the family moved back to Vernon's hometown of Tyler, MN. There her grandparents helped raise her and her sister Janice. Vernon later married Maxine Beeck.

Barbara attended Tyler Public School where she was active in band, choir, the school newspaper and selected to attend MN Girl's State. She worked as a Nurse's Aide at the Tyler Hospital, regularly baby sat for several families in town, and sewed virtually all of her own clothes. In the spring of her junior year, she began dating her future husband Jimmy, and continued all of her activities. She graduated from Tyler High School in 1955. After her graduation the family moved to Mankato, MN where she worked at Auto Electric Manufacturing Company.

On June 10, 1956, Barbara was united in marriage to James Fred Herschberger at First English Lutheran Church in Tyler, MN. Their marriage was blessed with 5 children. She was a wife and homemaker for the family. She would even help with chores and farm work - when absolutely necessary. Barb was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Lake Benton, MN where she was a Sunday and Bible School teacher, member of the Ladies Aid Circle and the Twelves Bible Study. She served on the Ivanhoe Public School Board for 18 years, serving as President and Secretary. She was a member of the Southwest Minnesota ECSU Board, Extension Club, Danebod Village Board of Directors, the Saddle Club and was honored as Grand Marshall of the Lake Benton Saddle Horse Holiday Parade. She had many hobbies including playing in card clubs, reading, polka and square dancing. She enjoyed history, archeology, and genealogy and was a long-time member of the Prairieland Genealogical Society.

Barb was a significant genealogical resource for many other researchers. She loved to travel and took several trips to Europe. She loved Coke and never said no to a cup of coffee. She always made birthdays extra special with homemade cake with frosting or one of her famous pies. She was one to always be on time, especially on Sundays at church, where the family sat together in the front right pew. She loved her family, community, and her friends.

Barbara passed away on Friday, March 21, 2025, at the Hendricks Nursing Home in Hendricks, MN at the age of 87. She is survived by her husband, James; children, Terry (Jerry) Peterson of Jasper, MN, Michael (Rhonda) Herschberger of Nevada, Iowa, Patricia (Bryce) Nielsen of Ivanhoe, MN, Myles Herschberger of Monticello, MN, Eric (Angy) Herschberger of North Port, Florida; 14 grandchildren, Angie Olsonawski, Kevin Peterson, Paul Peterson, Timothy Herschberger, Christopher Herschberger, Rebecca Dulac, Stephanie Kobes, Anthony Nielsen, Kandice Haney, Andrew Herschberger, Myles Herschberger, Ryan Herschberger, Chelsey Randall and Jordan Herschberger; 19 great-grandchildren; sister, Janice James of Houston, Texas and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Calvin and Francis Herschberger of Gaffney, South Carolina.

May the Lord bless her memory among us.

I N L O V I N G
Memory
Barbara Herschberger



Memorial Service

Friday, April 4, 2025 - 10:30 AM

Grace Lutheran Church

Lake Benton, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor David Danner

Scripture Readings

Job 19:23-27 Psalm 121

1 Peter 1:3-9 John 14:1-8

Organist - Karen Lichtsinn

Congregational Hymns

"How Great Thou Art" - Hymn 856

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song" - Hymn 763

"I Love to Tell the Story" - Hymn 661

Recorded Music

"Our Father has a Light in His Window"

as recorded by The Swartzendruber Quartet

"As You Go on Your Way"

as recorded by John Ylvisaker

Inurnment

Memorial Hill Cemetery

Lake Benton, Minnesota

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