



Barbara Lee (Runyan) Ballard

April 27, 1939 - January 26, 2025

Barbara Lee (Runyan) Ballard, Of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away January 26, 2025. She was born April 27, 1939 to the late Clay and Naomi Runyan. Barbara was a 1957 graduate of Warren Central High School. She married Donald L. Ballard August 9, 1957. Barbara was a devoted wife and loving mother to her three children. She was active in their school activities, PTA and Girl Scouts. She was an adventurous cook always trying out new recipes. In later years she worked at Hunts Jewelry. Barbara resumed her jewelry career at J.C. Penney fine jewelry, Shenango Valley Mall. She was also a wonderful seamstress who developed a love of quilting and collecting fabric.

Barbara is survived by her children, Jacqueline (Bryan) Roth of Sarasota, FL, Michael (Denise) Ballard of Richmond, IN, and Phillip (Jan) Ballard of Sharon, PA; five grandchildren, Bryce (Allison) Ballard, Alyssa Ballard, Katlyn (Corey) Melton, Ross Ballard and Logan Ballard; and two great-grandchildren, Isaac Ballard and Phoebe Ballard.

Barbara is also survived by her sisters and brother who meant the world to her, Delores Byram, Richard Runyan, Jan (Jim) Kerkhoff, and Judi (Frank) Gango; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Ballard; baby brother, Tommy Runyan; and brother-in-law, Charles Byram.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital or a charitable cause that is meaningful to you.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss all the fun we had in Indy with the sisters out shopping for the day. Barb, Dee, Judi and myself. I will always remember the trips every year to visit her in PA. Jim and I both. Got so we would go twice a year. She could talk forever. Your loving sis, Jan.

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee (Runyan) Ballard.



January 30, 2025 at 10:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Lee (Runyan) Ballard.

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“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Lee (Runyan) Ballard.



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