



Barbara Jean Benefiel Graham

January 12, 1928 - November 24, 2015

Barbara Jean Graham (NEE Benefiel), 87, of Indianapolis, passed away November 24, 2015. She was born January 12, 1928 to the late George A. and Ruth M. Farrell Benefiel.

Barbara graduated from Shortridge High School in 1946. She worked at Real Silk. Barbara then married the love of her life, John Graham, in 1948. Shortly thereafter they began their family and had three sons, Jay, Jon and Jett.

Barbara was active in Fall Creek Elementary PTA (Hamilton Co.). She served on several committees and served as President of the PTA. Barbara was instrumental in helping to establish Fall Wayne Little League.

Barbara loved her family, friends and a good party. She would cook and tend to her sons and their friends. As one friend put it "Any night is a good night to eat at the Graham's, but Sunday is the big hit."

Visitation will be Saturday, November 28, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband, John A. Graham; sons, Jay (Terry), Jon (Julie) and Jett (Charlene); grandchildren, Jewel Taylor (Jason), Jessica Graham, JoEllyn McAtee (Steve), Jacob, Jaydee, Blaise and Britt Graham; and four great grandchildren, Sophia, Barret, Piper and Will.

Barbara was preceded in death by one sister, Anne Taylor and one brother, Dale Benefiel.

In lieu of flowers please send memorial contributions to Brebeuf Preparatory

School, 2810 W. 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
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<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KF

“ It is difficult to sum up so many joyful memories in one text box. GB (Barb) was a third grandmother to my brother and me. She showered us with love throughout our childhoods and into adulthood. She and GP always created a mini toyland for us when we would visit and - unbeknownst to me at the time - was simultaneously hosting a fun party for the adults! Just this past week I went through a family album that she put together for my brother and I to give to my parents as a gift. Last night we decorated our Christmas tree, and over half of my ornaments are from GB with her "KK" inscriptions. I regret not spending more time with her later in life after moving away from Indiana, but she will always hold a very special place in my heart. She made my family her family. Wherever we were with GB felt like "home", and a really fun one at that.

Kalyn Fink - November 28, 2015 at 09:18 AM

KF

“ It's impossible to just pick one memory out of the countless ones running through my mind. There was the time she drove a half hour to help me after a car accident. Barb always loved to remind me of the time she saved my spaghetti sauce from winning the "blah" award. Then there were the countless times we would share a meal and an evening of euchre. The lady did love a good party!!!

Barb was all about her family and friends. I am fortunate to have so many memories that we shared. She will always have a place in my heart and I will miss her deeply.

Kaye Fink - November 28, 2015 at 08:55 AM

MF

“ I could write a book of memories. Over 35 wonderful years with Barb (GB), our 3rd mother and grandma!!! Countless evenings of euchre at the kitchen table. Putting the kids to bed so we could finish the card game. Spending the night before the kids were born calming our nerves. And our FAMILY trip to Hilton Head, what a blast was had by all!

These are just a few of the memories I could share...there are hundreds more. Barb (GB) was and always will be loved by all she touched....none more than the love and friendship she shared with us.

She can rest in peace as seen through those she shared her life with!

Love you always,

Mike

Mike Fink - November 28, 2015 at 08:28 AM