



Barbara Joyce Roberts

August 9, 1929 - January 29, 2026

Barbara Smythe Roberts, 96, of New Palestine, passed away January 29, 2026. She was born August 9, 1929 in Indianapolis to the late William P. and Leota B. Smythe. Barbara was a 1947 graduate of Shortridge High School and attended Purdue University. She married Arthur "Bud" Roberts in 1950 and was employed with Indiana National Bank for 13 years, retiring in 1989. Barbara was a 50-year member of Millersville O.E.S. Chapter #300.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Barbara is survived by her children, Donna C. Dietz, Mark A. Roberts (Cyn), David A. Roberts (Cindy) and Scott P. Roberts (Andi); grandchildren, Diana Rossman, Ryan, Eric, Alex, Kyle, Kristen, and Madi Roberts; and great-grandchildren, Liam and Molly Rossman, Theo Roberts, Cora Roberts, Reagan Roberts, Rowan Roberts, Breslin Roberts and Lawson Roberts. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 68 years, Arthur "Bud" Roberts; and brother, Dr. Richard Smythe.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children and/or the Indiana Masonic Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Barbara and we have been neighbors since we moved here more than 20 years ago. Our backyards adjoin. She was always friendly and tended so lovingly to her garden. We will miss her and her family as our backyard neighbors.

Catherine Higgins - February 10 at 10:22 AM

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“ Sharon E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Joyce Roberts.

Sharon E. - February 07 at 02:15 PM

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“ Barb and Bud became our dear neighbors @38 years ago. They both understood the true meaning of being good neighbors. In the years since Bud died, Barb has continued to amaze us by staying very active and very social. She was a caring and kind woman who lived her faith, and loved her family, and her friends very much. We are grateful for Barb's friendship. We will miss her so much. Rest in Peace Barb. Love, The Szeszycki Family (Don, Sharon, Ryan, Lindsey and Olive

Sharon Szeszycki - February 07 at 02:00 PM

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“ Your TKE Family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Joyce Roberts.

Your TKE Family - February 05 at 03:57 PM