



## Barbara Fox Schmidlin

September 15, 1939 - November 24, 2015

Barbara Fox Schmidlin, Indianapolis was born September 15, 1939 in Loda, IL, and passed away November 24, 2015. Barbara over the years, entertained as a “top forties” singer under the name “Barbara Fox”, appearing at many of Indy’s night clubs, Columbia Club and Athletic Clubs. Barbara also appeared in Florida in the Tampa/St. Pete area. She was also active in the Footlight Musical theatrical group and starred in productions of Finnegan’s Rainbow and Pajama Game. In recent years she continued her entertaining at many of the local retirement and nursing homes singing and dancing along with her husband, Ed, helping residents recall memories of the past.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 29, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Monday, November 30, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers IN.

Known as Barb to her family and friends, she is survived by her husband, Ed; daughter, Chrissy (husband Jason Eldredge); granddaughter, Gabriella (Gigi). She is also survived by sisters, Faye Hayes and Florence Sparks; and brothers, Wendell and Larry Petree. Barbara was preceded in death by her brothers, Harold, Charles, Donald, Vernon, and James; and sisters, LaVerne Reinke and Viola Johnson. [www.shirleybrothers.com](http://www.shirleybrothers.com)

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at [www.shirleybrothers.com](http://www.shirleybrothers.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
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## Funeral Service

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EG

“ I loved swing dancing with Barbara. She was always so much fun to dance with, and to just sit and talk to. We danced at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, the Continental Dance Club and anywhere else there was a dance floor. Barbara and I did shows together for Footlite Musicals many years ago, and I was always impressed with her talent and love for the theater. Most of all it will be her genuine warmth and and joy for making others happy around her.  
*Ed Godby-Schwab*

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**Ed Godby-Schwab** - March 07, 2016 at 07:13 PM

EG

*I meant to say. - Most of all, it will be her genuine warmth and and joy for making others happy around her that I will miss.*

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**Ed Godby-Schwab** - March 07, 2016 at 07:17 PM

CY

“ Ed, I'm so sorry to hear about Barbara. I will remember her voice and spirit (and the two of you together) as you entertained at the retirement homes. I'm glad I had a chance to visit with the two of you in July in Brownsburg.

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**Carol Young** - December 26, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ It seems like only yesterday that when attending the '51 Club in downtown Indianapolis in the early/mid '60's that we would often hear this very attractive blonde, Barbara Fox, singing Blue Moon. The dance floor was always crowded when Barbara sang. Barbara was a "sweetheart". Now, the angels in heaven are being blessed hearing Barbara sing Blue Moon. A real trooper in deed who will be missed by many.

*Richard V. Alexander*

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**Richard Alexander** - December 07, 2015 at 08:41 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Barb's passing when I returned from my Thanksgiving vacation on Monday evening. To Ed and all the family, I send my heartfelt condolences. Barb was a dear friend to me. I was very sorry not to attend the service and calling. I will truly remember her and her family in my prayers. Mary Ellen Alig-Schmitteckert

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**Mary Ellen Alig** - December 01, 2015 at 08:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - December 01, 2015 at 07:35 AM

CP

“ Somewhere in cyberspace is a memorium I wrote on 11/26! Have a new phone smarter than me! Aunt Barb was my first babysitter. Became like a big sister to me. She coached me for 3 beauty pageants. She sang at my wedding. She named her daughter after me. Just 3 yrs ago she sat in the front row and cheered me on as I marched as Head Majorette one more time at Tech H S Centennial. I will miss our frequent midnight phone calls. I love you forever and will miss you profoundly. . . Your niece Chris Petree.

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**Christine Petree** - November 29, 2015 at 11:13 PM

TB

“ What I'll remember most about Aunt Barb is the big smile, a song always being sung, and a dance always in her step. As far back as I can remember as a little kid, Chrissy and I would be playing around, and Aunt Barb was singing. Everyone knows she loved to perform, but to always be singing and always be dancing indicates to me the real spirit and joy within. That was how she touched so many of us, and how she'll always be in my heart. Luv ya, Aunt Barb. Thom Britton

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**Thom Britton** - November 29, 2015 at 08:49 PM

BB

“ I met Barbara over twenty years ago through USA Dance. She was always vibrant, friendly, a smile on her face and loved to sing and dance. She was very helpful to me when I use to chair charity dances for USABDA always working till the job got done. I always admired her classy style, beautiful face and figure. She was beautiful on the inside as well as on the outside. My husband and I will miss her very much. My sympathy and prayers go out to Ed and her family.

*Becky and Jeff Burgardt*

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**Becky Burgardt** - November 29, 2015 at 07:25 PM

DB

“ *Thinking of you, Ed and the family with love. Thoroughly enjoyed her singing and watching her dance with Indy Dancers.*  
*Debby Bronnenberg*

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**Debby Bronnenberg** - November 29, 2015 at 03:32 PM




“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Fox Schmidlin.*



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November 29, 2015 at 01:28 PM

 Karen  
Kobza

“ *Barb and I had so much fun and hard work to make an "Oreo cookiez' costume for two. We won. What fun.*  
*She was always greeting new people and making sure they were included and felt welcome.*  
*After my husband passed, she helped me clean out closets. It was a difficult task but she made it happen and be finished.*  
*A dear friend and a bright spotlight!*

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**Karen Kobza** - November 29, 2015 at 11:41 AM

GS

“ I am so deeply sorry to hear of Barb's passing, we met several years ago & tried to stay in touch.....she always made sure the Illinois cousins got an invite to The Petree Family Reunion, I am so sorry I did not make it.....I will miss getting to know her better.....Barb is definitely in heaven singing with the angels.....my condolences to the Petree family, Ed & Chrissy, Jason & Gigi.....”



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**Gail Hinton Seward** - November 29, 2015 at 10:32 AM

LD

“ Family is everything to Aunt Barb. Grandma and Grandpa, and her brothers and sisters meant the world to her. I am privileged to be one of the older nieces(and nephews) that grew up while Aunt Barb was still at home. She had notorious sleep overs featuring make-up, dress up, singing and dancing for several of my cousins (girl cousins) around my age. As we got older, she would be at activities such as ballgames, recitals, graduations etc. for as many as she could get to. Sending cards for special occasions. But she continued on as the family grew and included the younger cousins. She stayed in contact with the all of the nieces, nephews, greatneices and greatnephews throughout the years. Her heart was full of love and she tried to help as many people as possible. Chrissy came along and Aunt Barb could hardly contain the love she felt for her. Then Chrissy and Jason brought Gigi into the world and Aunt Barb's heart just overflowed. She was a very special part of our lives and will be dearly missed, but our memories are precious and will stay with us always. Thanks Aunt Barb for all the love and joy. I love you, Linda

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**Linda Drane** - November 29, 2015 at 02:39 AM

EL

*My heart feels so heavy as I have lost a dear friend. I know the family and friends grieve in her passing. Barb. Sought my understanding of her illness My advice eavjust choose how they want to be treated no one can tell you what to do . How I loved to hear her sing we oten say together at starlite at Sunday night dances. Shared rooms dance at s couple dance events. Her helping me find a house packing for a cruise and giving me much guidance thru a terrible time in my life. We share the love of pretty clothes shoes and jewelry. She often talked of her love for her daughter , son in law and of her granddaughter. Since moving to Largo she would tell me of places she sang when living here. I share with you your heart ache as we have lost someone we all care about. Miss you girlfriend and as we ended our conversation we said" I love you".*

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**Essie Lutes** - December 12, 2015 at 07:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Fox Schmidlin.*



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November 28, 2015 at 09:31 PM



“ I only got to meet Aunt Barb one time when she drove to Oklahoma to visit Duane and I and then just Kayleigh and Michael. But from that moment she included all of us into her family. It was obvious family meant everything to her. No matter how far the distance, she stayed in touch with us. A precious memory is the love she put into a photo album with pictures of the whole Petree family past and present to help our kids learn more about where they came from since we live abroad and they don't have the opportunity to get to know the family. Even though she never got to meet Joshua, Arielle, and Eliana, she would send them all birthday cards every year, and keep up with how we are all doing. Thank you Aunt Barb for loving us. Thank you for all you did for us.

*You're at peace now. I know you'll be singing with the angels -- Love Duane and Kim Petree and family*

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**Kim Petree** - November 28, 2015 at 12:58 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Fox Schmidlin.



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November 28, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss, Ed, of your beautiful and talented wife. Please know that our thoughts are with you.  
Linda and Lowell Pinney

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**Linda and Lowell Pinney** - November 27, 2015 at 05:21 PM

ES

“ *Barb was truly a legend in local entertainment. Always upbeat and happy, and a JOY to perform with. Our sympathies on her passing, and please know she will be remembered with the utmost love and respect.*

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**Ellie Sellars** - November 27, 2015 at 01:50 PM

PL

“ *Classy and Caring, two words that describe our Barb! She was a loyal and loving friend and always gave a helping hand whenever there was a need. The beauty from her voice was an extension of the inner beauty of her spirit, She was always positive and encouraging, Her peppy nature was contagious to all around her, She expressed her artistic ability in many ways, I especially enjoyed her hand made cards, they were so personal to each who received them. I can remember when Gigi was born, being a grandmother really got her motor reeved up. Gigi you were awesome to keep up with all Barb's plans for you. You put a special sparkle in Barbara's eyes. Chrissy, your mother held you deep in her heart where you will always remain. Ed, you will miss her presence beyond what words can express but know she will be looking over you and praying for you. Heaven will never be the same!*

*All of us whose lives were touched by Barbara (Foxy) have been truly blessed. She would say, "Keep on dancing and singing and enjoy one another" Thank You Barb!!*

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**Patricia St Louis-Pizzolanti** - November 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

RI

“ *Barb was one of the most upbeat and inspiring women I've ever had the privilege of knowing. She danced with passion almost to the end of her life, always looking beautiful and stylish. She will be missed every time I go to Continental Dance and they play a samba.. I wish comfort to all the family members and especially to her husband.*  
*.Rhoda Israelov*

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**Rhoda Israelov** - November 26, 2015 at 12:11 PM

AS

“ *Dear Ed,  
Anita and I know the shock and irreparable loss you have suffered. No words of ours can soften your sorrow, We express to you our deepest sympathy.*

*Sincerely,  
Anita and Bob Stephenson*

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**Anita/Bob Stephenson** - November 26, 2015 at 08:48 AM

CT

“ *Aunt Barb was always full of love and life. Her vibrant spirit and unconditional love touched so many hearts over her young 77 years. She will be greatly missed as well as those Birthday/Christmas cards that she never forgot.*

*Love, Cheri, Weston, Connor Tolley*

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**Cheri Tolley** - November 25, 2015 at 07:59 PM