



Barbara Ann Spears

March 22, 1939 - July 26, 2025

Barbara Ann Spears, 86, of Indianapolis, passed away July 26, 2025. Barbara was born March 22, 1939, in Ironton, IN, to the late Reid E. Sheetz and Mary Elizabeth (Spaulding) Mullin. She received her GED from Shortridge High School and worked in several roles including a cashier at National Tea, a tax assistant for Farm Bureau Insurance, and more than 10 years as a Library Clerk at the Indianapolis Public Library until 2010 when she retired.

Barbara was a dedicated member of the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library's Retiree Association and volunteered at many book fairs benefiting local schools. Barbara had several hobbies including reading, arts and crafts, and gardening. She was a history buff, especially pertaining to Indiana architecture. Barbara was a life-long fan of Elvis Presley, she loved traveling, her granddogs, and attending her grandchildren's events.

A Visitation will be held Thursday, July 31, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46229.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Vicky Bonelli, and Debra Norman (Paul); grandchildren, Michael Bell (Mary Black), Jessica Bell (Corey Myers), and Kaitlyn Norman; great-grandson, Trent Stocum; half-sister, Betty Basore (Richard) and several nieces and nephews. Barbara is preceded in death by her brother, Billy Sheetz; half-sister Wanda Healey; and son-in-law, Gregg Bonelli.

In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting the Indianapolis Public Library at 2450 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208, or the Indianapolis Public Broadcasting System – WFYI, 1630 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Barbara at the old Brown branch in Irvington. She was a delightful person, always had a smile and was so good with our patrons. I’m glad she was able to attend the spring retirees luncheon at Shapiro’s in April. I am so sorry for the family’s’ loss.

Cheryl Short - July 29, 2025 at 03:59 PM

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“ Indianapolis Public Library planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Spears.

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“ Indianapolis Public Library purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Ann Spears.



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