



Barbara Ann Adams

June 17, 1931 - February 28, 2020

Barbara Ann (Bierlein) Adams, age 88, of Goetzville, Michigan, died Friday, February 28, 2020, in Petoskey, Michigan. She was born June 17, 1931, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Ottomar Bierlein and Emma (Herzog) Bierlein.

Barb was baptized on July 5, 1931, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Saginaw and grew up in Zilwaukee, Michigan. She graduated from Arthur Hill High School where she met her future husband, James F. Adams. Barb worked at Second National Bank while Jim served in the United States Navy until 1949. They were married on February 18, 1950, in the St. John's Lutheran Church in Zilwaukee. They made their home and raised three children in Saginaw, where they both worked for General Motors for their entire careers. Barb worked as an executive secretary and was especially good at calming people under stress. During their years at General Motors, they built a retirement home in Goetzville, Michigan, and moved there in 1986.

Barb was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church and attended her entire life. She was active at St. John's Lutheran Church in Zilwaukee, Bethany Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedarville, and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was an active member of the Amvets Post 79 Ladies Auxiliary in Raber, Michigan, and the Raber Chapter of the Red Hat Society.

Barb loved fishing, music and dancing. Jim told his friend the first time he met her that she was the one for him. On their first date he took her fishing and knew for sure she was the girl he was going to marry. They enjoyed all types of dancing and went dancing together often. Barb enjoyed cooking all of the foods that Jim liked to eat, especially the fish that they caught. She loved to spend time with her family.

Barb is survived by her husband, of 70 years, Jim; one son, Rolla James (Deborah) Coulovrianos-Adams of West Union, South Carolina; daughters, Connie Sue Hartley of Saginaw and Lynn Ann Adams of Clearwater, Florida; grandchildren, Colleen Hartley and Kenneth Hartley; great grandson, Nathan Hartley; brother-in-law, Fred and wife Helen Adams of Saginaw.

Barb was preceded in death by her brothers, Harry, Robert, and Otto Bierlein; sister, Marion Watrous; and son-in-law, Shaun Hartley

Services will be held Tuesday, March 3, at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. Visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 P.M. followed by the funeral service at 2:00 P.M. conducted by Reverend Jeffrey Grundmeier.

Burial will be in North Raber Cemetery in Raber Township, Michigan, in the spring.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

North Raber Cemetery

Raber Road
Goetzville, MI 49736

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
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<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann Adams*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Barbara Ann Adams*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Barbara Ann Adams*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Jim and family, I am so sorry to hear of Barb's passing, she was a great friend to me from grade school on (how many people have that opportunity these days) and I will greatly miss our conversations. I will always remember Nona, Jeanine, Dorothy and I packing in to a car and dancing the night away at the Auditorium, we had such a great time. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love Carolyn Schultz*

Carolyn Schultz - March 07, 2020 at 08:04 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



susan wangeman - March 01, 2020 at 03:59 PM

SW

“ To Jim and all his children, grandchildren, great grandson, and extended family members my heart goes out to all of you. Barbara was one of a kind. I will miss her phone calls that always made my day with her humor. Never a phone call ended without a good laugh and an I love you.

You were all so blessed to have had her in your lives for so many years.

Bart and I only had her in our lives for 10 years but it seemed much longer as our friendship was so dear. I was so thankful I could spend those 2 days with her until I knew some of you were only hours away from the hospital.

Tears are good memories are wonderful. Those who lived well and were well loved will live on in our hearts until we meet up with them in our eternal life.

Hugs to everyone. Thinking of you all during your loss of Barbara.

Sue and Bart Wangeman



susan wangeman - March 01, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Adams.



February 29, 2020 at 08:33 PM

MM

“ Praying for peace, strength, comfort. In Jesus name, I pray for all of the family!

Michael L. (Chaplain) Morrison - February 29, 2020 at 08:13 PM

SB

“ So very sorry for the loss of your Mom. Will be keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.



Scherri Bolt - February 29, 2020 at 08:09 PM

TE

“ Sorry for your loss Rollie. We are praying for you and your family during this difficult season.

Tim and Christie Eggleston - February 29, 2020 at 07:22 PM