



## Barbara Joy Desrochers

January 31, 1929 - April 30, 2018

Barbara Joy (Sylvester) Desrochers, age 89, of Brimley, Michigan, died on April 30, 2018 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born on January 31, 1929 in Fibre, Michigan to Lewis Victor and Edna Mae (Steele) Sylvester.

Barbara grew up in Fibre and attended Fibre and Rudyard Area Schools, where she won the 6th grade spelling bee and graduated with the class of 1946. She married Franklin William Schwiderson and they raised their four children at the farm on Bound road. She was later married to Clemet A. Desrochers on June 20, 1986 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rudyard. After Clem retired in 1987, they traveled to California, New York, Florida, and many states in between.

Barbara was a member of the Rudyard First Presbyterian Church, the Michigan Farm Bureau, and also attended the Brimley Senior Citizens.

Barbara liked cooking, raising house plants, and baking the best cinnamon rolls in the U.P. She enjoyed going to the casino, playing bingo, and going dancing. Most of all she loved all the time she had with her family.

Barbara is survived by her children, Linda (James) Vickerman of Glenview, Illinois, Sandra (James Jordan) Smith of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, Keith (Sandy) Schwiderson of Dexter, Michigan, and step-daughter Kris (Daniel) Thorne of

Sault Ste. Marie; daughter-in-law, Elfie Schwiderson of Dafter, Michigan; grandchildren, Amy (Jeff) Nemeroff, Scot (Magda) Vickerman, Tom ( Erica) Vickerman, Jackie Smith (Jack) Ziniewicz, Ziggy Snow, Emily Schwiderson, Lana Mariella, Lisa (Jon) Bowerman, and Keri (Joe) Denay; great-grandchildren, Michael, Alyssa, Emma, Leila, Eva, Tom, Mya, Kyle, Reid, Max, Ava, James, and Clara; sister, Marjorie (John Malloy) St. Louis of Rudyard; brothers, Roger (Kay) Sylvester of Rudyard and Ronald Sylvester of Lakewood, New Jersey.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband, Clement Desorchers; son, Kenneth Schwiderson; sisters, Eileen (Leo) Kemp, Marjean (Al) Sanford, Diane McDaniels; sister-in-law, Mary Sylvester; brother-in-law, Leo Kemp, brother-in-law, Lloyd St. Louis and brother-in-law, Al Sanford.

Visitation will be held on May 12, 2018 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129, Pickford, Michigan. The Funeral Service "Celebration of Life" will follow at 2:00 P.M.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to War Memorial Hospital - Long Term Care Activities Fund, 500 Osborn Blvd, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 12.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**MAY 12.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Joy Desrochers*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Barbara Joy Desrochers*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Barbara Joy Desrochers*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Joy Desrochers.*



May 07, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ *Jerry, Matthew, Brian & Sara Price purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Joy Desrochers.*



**Jerry, Matthew, Brian & Sara Price** - May 04, 2018 at 10:51 PM

JP

“ *Sandi, Linda, and Keith,*

*May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared,  
comfort you in the day ahead. Our thoughts are with you. All our  
love,*

*Jerry, Matthew, Brian and Sara Price*

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**Jerry Price** - May 04, 2018 at 10:44 PM

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“ *Dear Keith-Sandy and family, we are so sad  
to hear of your mother's death. You're in our  
thoughts and prayers. She was a very special  
lady! Chris&Lynn Gillies*



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**Chris&Lynn Gillies** - May 04, 2018 at 10:53 AM