



## Barbara Ann (Tillmanns) Ferns

June 28, 1926 - September 1, 2018

Barbara Ann Ferns left this world to go home to her Lord and Savior on September 1, 2018. Barbara was born on June 28, 1926, the only child of Hans and Agnes (Krommen) Tillmanns, in Aachen, Germany. She came to the United States when she was a baby and her family settled in the Detroit area. She married Hugh C. Ferns on September 26, 1946, and they had 5 children: Carol A. (Skip) Bregand, William B. (Maryann) Ferns, Julie A. (Dean) Bennette, Gary E. (Debbie) Ferns, and Mary F. (Thomas) Armstrong. While Hugh was in the Air Force, they were stationed in Germany and traveled extensively throughout Europe. They returned to the States, where they were eventually stationed to the 753rd Radar Base in Sault Ste, Marie. They raised their 5 children here and often said that this city was a great place to raise a family. She worked for many years at Chippewa County Probate Court. Barbara was active in her church and her children's schools. She belonged to St Joseph's PTA, St Joseph Ladies' Guild and was a founding member of Loretto High School's Mothers' Club. She was a member of St Mary's Altar Society, and was a Eucharistic Minister at Holy Name of Mary for years. She participated and donated to many community organizations, including Soo Theater Project, Hospice of Chippewa County, and the Chippewa County Historical Society, of which she was a lifetime member. She was a member of the LSSU Elders, Red Hats and DAV Auxiliary. She instilled a strong sense of family, church and community in her children. Barbara was proud of her family and she was very loved by all who were blessed to know her. She is survived

by her 5 children, 15 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Hugh, her parents, her stepfather Harry Miller, and a son-in-law Robert Campeau. Her Catholic faith was very important to her, and to Hugh, and they passed that love of God onto all their children. She was a kind and thoughtful wife, mother and friend, and she will be missed by more than her family. There will be visitation at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church on Friday, September 7, 2018 from 9:30 am until 11:00AM with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am with Father Sebastian Kavumkal as Celebrant. In lieu of flowers, Mom would have loved to have donations made to St Mary's School or Hospice House. Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann (Tillmanns) Ferns*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Barbara Ann (Tillmanns) Ferns*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Barbara Ann (Tillmanns) Ferns*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Carol and family, we are so sad to hear about Barbara's passing. We (Elisabeth, Cornelia and Simone) will remember her as a wonderful person full of love and warmth. We are glad that we were able to get to know her. She was so hospitable at our visits. Also the German part of the Family will never forget her.*

**Elisabeth Wachsen-Tillmanns and Family** - October 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *You have been in my thoughts and prayers in the passing of your dear mom/grandma. She was certainly a very special lady. I had no idea she was an only child! Know that we care and will be praying for you as you begin learning to do life without her.*

**Jane Kennedy** - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Julie, Mary, and the rest of the Ferns family. I was saddened to read of Barb's passing, and am sending love, hugs, and prayers to each of you on this sad occasion. She was a terrific Godly person, and will be missed by many.*

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**Karen Stabile** - September 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM