



Barbara J. Hartwig

May 5, 1932 - January 2, 2022

Barbara Jane Hartwig, 89, Gratz, accompanied by her guardian angels passed peacefully to eternal rest on January 2, 2022. Barbara's last moments were shared with her adoring family at home.

Barbara was the third eldest of twelve children born to Edgar and Bessie March, Millersburg. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Cathryn, Doris, Eddie, Louis, Richard, and Rita and survived by Adelaide, Frederick, Harriet, Jan and June. Barbara's Gratz home was a cherished venue for sibling reunions.

Barbara was married to Rodney Charles Hartwig, a career Air Force and Vietnam Veteran, for 48 years until Rodney's passing during 2003. Rodney's and Barbara's service to our country included stations in New York, Florida, Mississippi, and Portugal (Azores). During 1957, Barbara expecting a third child and accompanied by Debra Lynn, age 3, and Sharon Ruth, age 1, joined Rodney across the Atlantic Ocean in the Azores where Terry Sue was born.

Barbara enjoyed a successful administrative secretary career, but her passion was caring for her family; all five generations. Barbara is survived by her three daughters Debra Baker (Clifford), Sharon Hartman (Michael) and Terry Snyder (Robert) of Tampa, Dauphin and Gratz respectively, nine grandchildren (Matt, Melissa, Diane, Jason, Racheal, Michelle, Craig, Christy and Robert) 20

great-grandchildren (Nicholas, Derrick, Alexis, Dalten, Brett, Kendra, Haley, Bradly, Krista, Cameron, Bransen, Ian, Remington, Tyler, Samantha, Carlie, Caleb, Bobby, Colin and McKenzie) and three great-great-grandchildren (Jeremiah, Leo and Karsyn). Barbara was preceded in death by grandson Greg Hartman, one of her guardian angels.

Barbara was a tireless home decorator and chef, and a legendary canner, particularly tomato recipes, jellies, jams, preserves and all things delicious. Barbara's grandchildren will never forget Nanny's kitchen and the goodies that seemed to blossom there. No-one could leave the house without a treat, or jar, to go.

Barbara enjoyed the comradery of the Red Hats and Tops (Millersburg), was a member of Simeon United Lutheran Church of Gratz, the Simeon Willing Workers and a faithful contributor to the Gratz Food Bank. The family invites anyone to make contributions in Barbara's memory to the Gratz Food Bank.

Barbara's family wishes to express its gratitude to the highly responsive and professional staff of Asana Hospice Care.

Private services will be held at a later date.

James A. Reed Funeral Home, Pillow is in charge of the arrangements. To sign the online guest book, or to post a picture of Barbara, visit www.reedfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Gratz Union Cemetery

173 N Center St
Gratz, PA 17030

Tribute Wall



“ James A. Reed Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara J. Hartwig



James A. Reed Funeral Home - January 07, 2022 at 06:24 PM

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“ Sandra Heilman lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Hartwig



Sandra Heilman - January 10, 2022 at 08:52 PM

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“ Mom, I was so blessed to have you for 89.5 years. Thank you for always being there for me in every step of my life. You were not only my Mom, you were my best friend. I am so thankful that I could take care of you at home. It will be different not being able to call you and talk to you every day. I know you are with our son, angel Greg and I am so happy he came to take you home. I will forever love you and miss you.



Sharon Hartman - January 09, 2022 at 10:32 AM

KL

“ *What a beautifully written obituary! The love just oozes from the words. Thinking of all of you.*

karen suzanne lencioni - January 06, 2022 at 06:14 PM

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Thank you Karen!

sharon hartman - January 09, 2022 at 10:41 AM

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“ *We love and miss you nanny. You will forever be our guardian angel and will be forever in our hearts. I'm sure Pap was so excited to be reunited with you again. Love you always!!*
Craig



Craig - January 05, 2022 at 06:23 PM

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“ *I have known Barbara for quite some time . In fact over 40 years as her eldest daughter Debbie is my sister in law. Barbara was a very sweet caring lady and I used to look forward to seeing her when she came to Florida. She was well loved and will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go up for her daughters and the rest of the family.*

Bonnie LeDuc - January 05, 2022 at 03:13 PM

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“ *Robert@Lillian Kissinger lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Hartwig*



Robert@Lillian kissinger - January 05, 2022 at 07:37 AM