



Barbara Ann Smith

May 23, 1937 - April 19, 2026

Smith, Barbara Ann, April 19, 2026, age 88 of Belleville.

Barbara was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 23, 1937. She attended parochial schools while growing up. She then attended the University of Detroit and graduated with a degree in Psychology.

She worked at the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn her entire adult working life as a Financial Analyst.

A talented athlete in softball and bowling, Barbara was also bilingual.

She loved animals, traveling, her bowling leagues, reading, and sports. She was a loyal fan of the professional Detroit sports teams. She had season tickets to the Detroit Lions football games and to the University of Michigan games in Ann Arbor. She was a supporter of the Detroit Zoo and a number of animal rescue organizations as well.

She was a long-time parishioner of St. Linus Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights where she lived until she moved to Cedar Woods Assisted Living Center in Belleville last Fall.

Barb will always be remembered for her spirited personality, generosity, and her kindness to animals.

She is survived by niece, Mary Lynne Zahler and husband Gary of North Canton, Ohio; nephew, Dr. Timothy Quinnan and wife Lela of Kennesaw, Georgia; and niece, Karen Burlage and husband Dave of Lone Tree, Colorado; great nieces Ava Zahler of North Canton, Ohio and Kristana Quinnan of Kennesaw, Georgia, and great nephews, Brian Burlage and wife

Olivia of New York City and Ben Burlage and partner Sydney of Los Angeles. Barb was preceded in death by her parents, William and Lillian Smith, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan and her older sister Connie Smith Quinnan of North Canton, Ohio.

Barbara will lie in state on Wednesday, April 29th from 10:00 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Linus Catholic Church, 6466 N. Evangeline Street, Dearborn Heights. Entombment at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane, 2937 E. Grand Boulevard, Suite 800, Detroit, MI 48202 or to the Disabled American Veterans Memorial Program, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

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Cemetery Details

St. Hedwig Cemetery

23755 Military Road
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **29**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Linus Catholic Church
6466 N. Evangeline
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

In State 10:00 AM

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Barbara Ann Smith*.



April 28 at 09:32 AM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Barbara Ann Smith*.



April 25 at 01:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Barbara Ann Smith*.



April 22 at 02:50 PM



“ It was a blessing to know Barb! I'm so glad my mom Gretchen bugged under her years ago, and they became good friends. Loved her sense of humor and always got a chuckle out of her Christmas cards. She was so generous. When my kids were little she bought them two of the biggest stuff teddy bears I've ever seen! Praying for her friends and family as you all mourn her. She will be missed 💜

Stephanie Trax - April 21 at 06:38 PM



I don't know why my post says bugged lol! It was supposed to say "met up with". I just know Barb is laughing at me now in heaven! 😂

Stephanie Trax - April 21 at 06:39 PM