



Barbara Kay Squires

November 22, 1952 - December 25, 2025

Squires, Barbara K., December 25, 2025 age 73 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Douglas Squires.

Loving mother of Mark (Kristin) Squires and Jeff (Becca) Squires. Proud Grandmother to Drew, Leah, Graham and Julia. Sister of Doug (Deb) Schroeder, Linda (Keith) Schlapkohl, Kevin (Teresa) Schroeder and Beth Anderson.

Barb was a farm girl from Estherville, IA. She finished her Home Economics Education degree at Iowa State University in 1975. She met Doug there and they were married the same year at Little Brown Church in the Vale. She taught in the Davenport IA School district until the family moved to Canton MI in 1989 and 3 years later to Plymouth township.

She received her Master's Degree in Science Education from U of M, Dearborn while teaching in the Plymouth-Canton School district. During that time, she also raised two fine gentlemen. Additionally, she assisted with uniforms for the award-winning Plymouth-Canton High School Marching Band. She was teaching Sophomore Biology when she retired in 2013.

Most recently she volunteered and sewed costumes for the Starlight Junior theatre in which 2 of her grandchildren participated. She was socially active, becoming a chef in the world-traveling Grandview Supper Club. Her husband heard someone close to her say "she was their North Star". Services to be held at a later date. Services entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Epilepsy Foundation of MI.

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LR

“ Love, Alyssa, Jesse, Ellery, and Rhea purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Kay Squires.



Love, Alyssa, Jesse, Ellery, and Rhea - April 16 at 09:32 AM

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“ I could not have asked for a better mentor teacher. It was a privilege working with Barb during my semester of student teaching, and her willingness to share her wisdom and materials was an invaluable gift.

Thanks to Barb, I began my teaching career with a wealth of resources and experience. I teach the way I do because of her mentorship, and my students are positively affected every day by her influence.

Danielle Aguilar (Sciatto) - April 07 at 12:36 PM

CA

“ Barb and I taught next to each other at Canton High School. She taught Biology and I taught Educational Foundations. Both of us had Home Economics Education as our Bachelor's Degrees. We hit it off instantly! We both loved to sew and during the summers we would take day trips to Fabric Stores in Michigan. We both also loved to cook. Barb was one of the kindness most sincere people I have ever know n. She was loved by anyone who knew her.

Cecilia Aquilina - January 11 at 07:15 PM

MG

“ Barb and I taught next to each other for many years at Canton High School. She was so easy to work with and we shared a lot of laughs together. I will miss her cheerful and humble nature and the times we shared together. Rest in peace dear colleague. Mark G.

Mark Griffith - January 09 at 05:41 PM

AO

“ Barb was beautiful inside and out. She was always ready for adventures whether traveling with friends, joining a biking tour, creating wonderful meals using her homegrown produce, enjoying her book club and sharing recommendations to fellow readers. We will miss her joining our Saturday morning coffee get togethers. Such an elegant lady with a kind heart and a great sense of humor.

Anne O'Karma - January 06 at 09:34 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin friars, I offer condolences to the family and friends of Barbara Squires. I pray that she will rest in peace, and that God will comfort all those who mourn her death. The friars are deeply humbled by memorial donations made in her memory. She and Douglas have been long-time supporters of the Capuchins for which we are grateful.



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - January 06 at 03:48 PM

CB

“ An amazing mom, teacher, and friend. She would let me nap in her back office after doing teacher assistant work for her because she could see how tired I was. Barb and Doug were always very kind. A very special family :)

Caitlin B - January 05 at 12:28 PM

PH

“ Paul & Erin Henige purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Kay Squires.



Paul & Erin Henige - January 05 at 09:59 AM

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“ Paul & Erin Henige planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Kay Squires.

Paul & Erin Henige - January 05 at 09:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Kay Squires.



January 04 at 01:39 PM

CK

“ Chris and Trisha Kosin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Kay Squires.

Chris and Trisha Kosin - January 04 at 01:39 PM

LW

“ I will forever remember Barb as gentle soul lovingly tending to her rose garden. I enjoyed our conversations when I run into her on her walk or in the library. She had genuine joy and spark for life and deep love for her family.

Lena K Wittrock - December 31, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ That time when they were supposed to be doing school at home during Covid and we found them all bouncing on the trampoline instead ;)



Mark Squires - December 30, 2025 at 08:44 PM

JS

“ When Jeff and I were teenagers Barb often reminisced about her younger years, and she would describe something great as being "really boss" and she loved laughing at the look on our faces when she said it.

Barb introduced me to family dinners as a kid, no TV, dinner served at the table with polite conversation, and something green on everyone's plate. A rule I try to follow to this day.

Barb has been a strong supporter of my passion for writing through my life, and I will continue to thank her for that, and for being a Mom to me.

Jon Stamper - December 30, 2025 at 06:00 PM

DS

Jon - Boss? That must have been an Estherville dialect. After we both retired, she relaxed some of those rules. She had to watch the local & world news during supper.

Doug Squires - December 30, 2025 at 06:29 PM

DS

The boys were pretty young the first time we went to the Pizza Hut that used to be on Ann Arbor Rd near Sheldon. The waitress said, "hello buttheads" and at that moment it became their favorite pizza place.

Doug Squires - December 30, 2025 at 06:36 PM

CH

Barb's grace and demeanor made my first year at Canton bearable. She was a wealth of knowledge and a provided some tranquility in a very tumultuous year. I'm very appreciative of everything that she did for me and for my students. She will be missed.

Charles Hameline - January 05 at 02:27 PM