



Barbara H. Hancock Schmidt

February 12, 1945 - June 14, 2023

Barbara (Barbie) Hancock Schmidt, passed away on June 14, 2023, after a long illness. Barbara was born in Port Huron, where she lived most of her life. She graduated from Port Huron High School in 1963 and attended Eastern Michigan College, where she earned a Masters Degree in English. She went on to spend 30 years working as an educator teaching at Westland in Chicago, Illinois, a Fine Arts class at Baker College and as the Director of the Jefferson Adult Learning Center until her retirement.

Barbie was passionate about life and lived it her way. She loved animals, especially cats, art and travel. She was active in two book clubs, one of them she started 40 years ago.

Barbie was a wonderful spouse, sister, aunt and friend and brought joy to all who loved her. She, along with her husband Juergen spent ten years volunteering at Woodrow Wilson School.

She is survived by her brother in law, James Willis (Debby), nephew, Todd Wellman and nieces; Amy Salkind and Beth Hahn.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, Juergen Schmidt, parents Barrington and Geraldine Hancock, sisters; Joan Willis and Sue Wellman and a brother, Barry Hancock.

Barbara requested that there be no funeral services but a Celebration of Life

will be held at a later date.

To view obituary and share memories visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com
Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - Port Huron.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Jim and I would like to thank Samantha and all of the wonderful caregivers (who became friends) that took such wonderful care of her. We will be forever thankful that Tomlinson's gave her not just a home and the care she needed but love and kindness.

We are also thank those of you, Pam, Carol, Judy who went to see her often and helped her to remember and hold on to the good memories.

Barb was like a sister to me. From the first time I met her I knew she would be important to me. I love her and I miss her and am so very thankful she was part of my life for the past 15 years. RIP my love, we will meet again one day.

Debby Willis

Debby Willis - June 20, 2023 at 01:20 PM

DP

“ Barbara was a very dear friend to my husband, Thomas Troy. I loved hearing the stories of Thomas, Barbara, and Gary during their ground stomping days. It was a pleasure to get to know Barbara, have our visits, sip some good wine, and meet the love of her life Juergen. Barbara, you will be missed, and you will be forever loved!
Dennis Patrick

Dennis Patrick - June 19, 2023 at 01:57 PM

DW

Dennis, you and Thomas meant so much to her. She talked about you all of the time. Every time I think about her shipping a box of her shoes to California before a visit I laugh out loud. Thank you both for being such a joy to her.

Jim and Debby

Debby Willis - June 20, 2023 at 01:14 PM

DM

“ I am very sorry to lose Barbie. She was my 3rd cousin. Her grandfather Thomas Miller and my grandmother Agnes Miller Burns were 1st cousins from Scotland. Barb was 2 years ahead of me in school. I wish you peace and comfort. Diane Burns Merriman

Diane Merriman - June 18, 2023 at 10:06 AM

PS

“ Barbie and I were best friends since 6th grade. I moved away for many years and we sadly lost touch. We reconnected at our 50th class reunion, and it was as though we had never been apart. Our husbands hit it off, and we did a lot together as couples, until Jurgen's death. Over the last few years, I was able to share my faith in Jesus Christ with her , and she started coming to our church. I'm so thankful that she asked Jesus into her life, and she enjoyed a close relationship with Him for the last few years. That gave her so much peace as she struggled with poor health the last few months. I take comfort in knowing she's with her Savior in Heaven, healed and happy forever.

Pam Fockler Savalle - June 17, 2023 at 01:53 PM

CJ

“ Barb and Juegen volunteered in my program at Woodrow Wilson for many years. The children looked forward to their weekly visit, as did I. She was such a joy to work with, and will be deeply missed.

Cheryl Jackson - June 16, 2023 at 09:48 AM

MA

Barb and I went to Garfield School together WAY back, She was kind and outgoing and had a wonderful sense of humor. I was invited to her 10th birthday party where her sweet mother presented each girl with a lovely handmade china cup embossed with flowers, the year (1955) and our name. I treasure it still today, and it has a special place in my china cabinet, Good memories!!

Marianne (Blank) Kemp

Marianne - June 16, 2023 at 04:56 PM

BA

I was a dear friend of Barb, Juegen, her mother and brother Barry.

We shared some great fun, laughter and wonderful times. I am cherish those fond memories forever.

Rest in everlasting peace, and may your legacy live on forever Barb.

Very Respectfully,

*Baron RS
Marbella, Espana*

Baron - June 16, 2023 at 11:54 PM

DW

Thank you so much.

Debby Willis - June 20, 2023 at 01:15 PM