



## Barbara J. Shereda

July 13, 1943 - October 21, 2022

Barbara J. Shereda of Prudenville, passed away on October 21, 2022, at the age of 79, in Warren, MI. She was born on July 13, 1943, to James V. and Jeannette (Baker) Crawford in Detroit, MI. Barb is survived by her son, William, Jr. (his former wife Julie), her daughters, Jeannette Shereda Frantz (Matt), Patricia Rahn (James) and Catherine Peck (John), her nine beloved grandchildren, Amanda, Lauren, Jordan, Brendan, Jacob, Allison, Joshua, Lindsey and Julius. Barb will be missed by her sister Bette Sykes (Michael), brothers John Crawford (Carol), James Crawford, Jr., sister-in-law Pauline Stachurski, and her many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband, William, Sr., brothers/sisters-in-law Charles Stachurski, and Gerald & Jane Shereda.

Barbara Jean had many talents and was often referred to as "Saint Barb." Her welcoming acceptance of everyone and ability to spread love and kindness lives on in her children and grandchildren.

Barb was a life long learner, a swimmer in high school, later a certified scuba diver, swim instructor and life guard. Being very active in the Mt. Clemens YMCA she raised her children swimming there every Sunday, participating in Indian Maidens (Snowbird), and working as a lifeguard. Barb was involved with many community groups and as a teacher helper during her childrens' elementary school years.

Barb was an active member of the MSU garden club extension, trained in flower arranging and enjoyed painting. She was a great baker of everything from The best pancakes, to special breads, famous Crawford Christmas cookies, and elaborately decorated birthday cakes. Her passion for quilting, crocheting, knitting and sewing created family heirlooms to be cherished by future generations.

Family time fulfilled her. She loved spending time with her grandchildren. Making it a point to travel with them and to them, making special plans with each of them on trains, planes, automobiles, and amphibious vehicles.

Trips up north to Grammy's house were legendary. . .remember "What happens at grandma's stays at grandma's!" From annual summer camping, boating and water skiing at Higgins Lake & canoeing down the Au Sable River to tobogganing on Pioneer Hill, and ice skating on Lake James, Grammy was down for the fun!

Barb found great joy traveling with family and friends. Whether it was with her father taking cruises to the Caribbean (Panama and Aruba) or taking trips with her children and their families. Barb was able to take many jaunts throughout the U.S. and abroad. Of Dutch heritage on her mother's side, she enjoyed traveling to Holland with her sister, cousins and friends in their self-proclaimed society "The Tulip Gang." Throughout their retirement travels, they lovingly referred to themselves as the "Tulip Twits."

Although not a big talker, Barb had a charming subtle sense of humor, and was the center of many fun filled experiences. She will be missed by all as her life was taken too soon; her's is a legacy of nurturing and caring.

Visitation for Barbara will be on Friday from 2- 7:00 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral

Home -Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 Twenty Three Mile Rd. New Baltimore.  
Funeral services will be on Saturday at the funeral home. Interment at  
Oakwood Cemetery, New Baltimore.

Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at the Wasik  
Funeral Home-Gendernalik Chapel. Additional visitation will be on Saturday  
from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

New Baltimore, MI 48047

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - New Baltimore  
35259-23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047  
(586) 725-0177  
<https://www.gendernalikfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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35259-23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047  
(586) 725-0177  
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# Tribute Wall

DW

“ So sorry to hear she was one of the kindest people I knew your friend Dave Warf

David Warf - January 19, 2023 at 11:40 AM

JE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeannette - November 01, 2022 at 12:46 AM

JF

“ Pat and Nomo visiting Barb in early October



Jeannette Shereda Frantz - October 29, 2022 at 07:40 PM



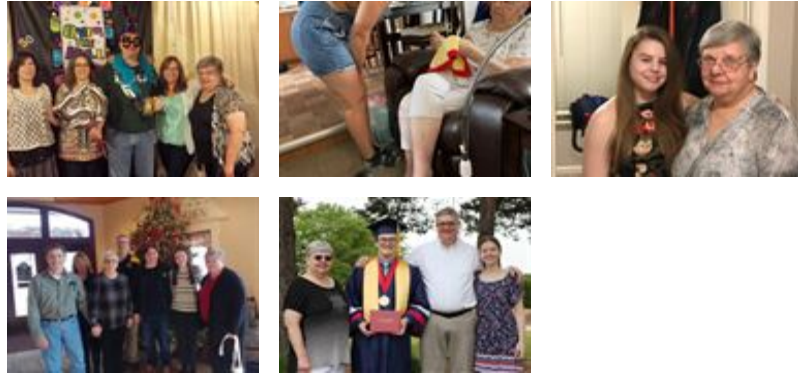
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Shereda.



October 28, 2022 at 08:30 AM



“ 274 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - October 27, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Barbara J. Shereda*.



October 27, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Barb will be so dearly missed. Everyone who's life's path passed by hers knows she was one of a kind. Never judging, always accepting. Loved her dearly! As One Tulip Twit wrote Your wings were so ready, but our hearts were so not ready to say goodbye.*

Lily Durecki - October 25, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Shereda.*



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October 25, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Shereda.*



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October 25, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Shereda.*



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October 25, 2022 at 08:04 AM



“ *Barbara had such a big heart, always doing so much for her family & friends. She generously shared her time & talents of cooking, baking, crafting, etc. with those around her. Her children & grandchildren were the light of her life, & she was so proud of them. Barb was always ready for an adventure, and I'm sorry we Tulip Twit cousins couldn't take more trips together. The memories we've made with you over the years will live on in our hearts forever. Your wings were ready, our hearts were not.*

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**Pat. Radloff** - October 25, 2022 at 12:07 AM

RJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. Larry & I had the great privilege of sharing our two wonderful grandchildren, Jacob & Lindsey, with her. There have been many momentous occasions throughout the years, great memories! She was a great mom & grandmother, & just a really nice person. We are so blessed that our lives were intertwined. Sending love & prayers to Bill (we love you) Patti & Cathy as well as to all your extended family.

Love,  
Roberta & Larry Jacobson

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**Robera Jacobson** - October 24, 2022 at 03:29 PM

MS

“ Aunt Barbara was one of the kindest, sweetest, loving person I knew. She made every party fun and her smile and laugh were infectious. She always made a point to ask how we were doing and genuinely cared. She will be missed. Praying for all my cousins.  
Love, Maryann

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**Maryann P Stachurski-Fisher** - October 24, 2022 at 12:41 PM

PJ

I am sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. As cousins, we had fun together when we were young. I will always remember her, beautiful, kind and generous. She and all her family have my thoughts and prayers at this time. With all my love, Phyllis (Baker) Joly

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**Phyllis Joly** - October 25, 2022 at 07:47 PM