



Barbara A Calkins

April 23, 1921 - December 7, 2016

ADRIAN – Barbara A. Calkins, 95 of Adrian, passed away at home Wednesday December 7, 2016.

Born April 23, 1921, in Milan, Michigan, Barbara was the youngest of the 11 children of Theodore and Sofy (Choich) Radak. She graduated from Milan High School. On June 15, 1940, she married Edwin Allen Calkins in Napoleon, Ohio, and he preceded her in death in 1998, having been blessed with 58 years together.

Barbara was employed with J.C. Penney for 27 years, retiring in 1983. She attended Raisin Valley Friends Church, where she served as Sunday school teacher for nearly 40 years. Ed and Barb enjoyed fishing, camping, going to state and national conventions-visiting all but 10 states. They enjoyed winter breaks in Florida visiting with family and friends. Barb was a part of the Lenawee Fair from the mid 80's til 2015, serving in many capacities; she also enjoyed The Fine Arts Festival. After Ed's passing, Barb started volunteering with the foster grandparent program working in three schools. She loved working with the students and also showed her true compassion for others caring for friends and family.

Barbara is survived by her children, Edwin (Judy) Calkins and Pat Calkins, both of Adrian; 7 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, 14 great great grandchildren and her church family. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her 10 siblings.

Funeral services will take place at 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2016 at

Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Doug Chandler officiating. Burial will follow at Fairfield Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Barb are suggested to Raisin Valley Friends Church or Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Cemetery

7011 S. Adrian Hwy
Fairfield Township, MI 49221

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara A Calkins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Angie and I send our sincere sympathy. We loved your mom. We are sorry to not be with you today, but you are in our thoughts and prayers. She was a beautiful woman, and I sure remember seeing her a while back when she was attending a musical in Tecumseh. She was so beautiful. I treasure how wonderful she was at Penneys. She was a gracious saleslady and always so friendly and helpful. Tell Doug that we send our love and prayers to him also. Wish we could be there. With love, Judy Dennis and Angela (Dennis) Hill.*

Judith Dennis - December 11, 2016 at 01:54 PM



“ *My Grandmother was a lot of life in a small package! My first memories go back to the fun she would bring while we were together. Since we were a military family we did not get to live close so when we did see each other it was packed full of adventure and fun. It was the little things she did like bring us homemade strawberry freezer jam and let me eat it out of the container with a spoon (who needed bread). She taught me to soak my bubble gum in water to get the sugar out of it so I could blow bigger bubbles than my siblings. She taught us how to make Christmas ornaments and decorations that fill my house today. As I look at the decorations that she made, I can fill the love that she poured into them for us. We camped, fished and played games. She told us amazing stories about the great times she and my Grandpa had. They danced (which always amazed me)! Her laugh was contagious and her smile was one in a million. I remember one time while we were visiting we all went water skiing, when it was her turn to go out she was ready. She was out and I will never forget how she seemed to disappear and when I saw her she had a sheet of water over her face and the biggest smile! When we retrieved her she was giggling and smiling from ear to ear! How I will remember this amazing women that I was Blessed to call my Grandmother...she was adventurous, full of life and most of all she loved people. She loved to visit and talk with people. I guess that is another thing she taught me...the gift of gab! I love you my sweet Grandma and I will see you again one day!*

*Love,
Connie (Calkins)O'Dell*

Connie Calkins-O'Dell - December 10, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ *Barb was a great lady. Very considerate to others.....*



Jack Shaw - December 10, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jack Shaw - December 10, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ *Patty and Ed, what a sweet lady she was. So sorry for your loss. First met her picking you up for skating and then Penny's. Peace to you and your families. Neil and Monica [Sauter] Percy*

Monica Percy - December 10, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wagley Funeral Home - December 10, 2016 at 08:20 AM



The most fun loving Grandmother to our four children... Always brought fun games and toys, but best of all would play those things with us! She taught me that you could remain young at heart no matter your age.. She was Sunday School teacher to my four year old cousin when I was spending the summer in Michigan from my home in Mississippi. She took me under her wing and took me to meet her daughter Pat who was my age. But as we were going up the stairs at the church to meet Pat, she smiled and said, "I better not do this as my son is nineteen and he loved blonds" Pat and I were seventeen and became the best of friends... Great lady!!!

Gail Kurowski - December 10, 2016 at 07:16 PM

KP

“ Many years have passed since our time at JCP. One thing has never changed. She was a great lady with a special smile. Gentle thoughts to her family.



Kathryn Perez - December 10, 2016 at 06:39 AM

SN

“ I was a visiting nurse for Ed. I still remember Barb and the wonderful care she gave him. Rest in peace.

Susan Noethen - December 09, 2016 at 03:34 PM

CC

“ Candi, Rhonda, Randy, and Connie purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Barbara A Calkins.



Candi, Rhonda, Randy, and Connie - December 09, 2016 at 10:56 AM

JC

“ We have lost a Wonderful Lady. The Carter Family grew up all our child hood By the Calkins family. Barb never change. She had her great smile and was always a Joy to see. Our hearts go out to the family. If there is anything any of us can do. Please ask.

JERRY CARTER - December 09, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara A Calkins.



December 08, 2016 at 07:22 PM

BG

“ Aunt Barb was very special to both Harvey and I and we always enjoyed our visits with her and Uncle Ed. I will truly miss her as she was such a joy to be around, but I know she is at peace and reunited with her loved ones in heaven. My deepest sympathy to you Eddie and Pat.



Barbara Gatt - December 08, 2016 at 04:37 PM