



Barbara Jean Disher

May 14, 1935 - October 18, 2022

Barbara Jean (Schaller) Disher, age 87, passed away peacefully Wednesday October 18, 2022 at Resthaven Care Center in Holland, Michigan.

Barb grew up on her father's farm in Monclova, OH and learned the value of hard work while doing her chores and detasseling corn. She was a 1953 graduate of Maumee High School in Maumee, OH and received her BA in Elementary Education from Ohio State University in 1957. She married her college sweetheart, Larry Disher, in 1958 and taught Kindergarten at Hamilton Elementary in Columbus, Ohio until her children were born. She stayed at home to raise her three children and take care of the books for Larry's veterinarian practice. She and Larry lived in Lakeview, MI until Larry retired and they moved to Cross Village, MI and wintered in Harlingen, TX for the next 31 years. Barb was always active in the community and with her children's activities. She served on City Council in Lakeview for years, was president of their association in Texas and helped get the Reading Room established in Cross Village. She attended almost every event and game her children played in school. She was a self-learner and taught herself to knit, crochet, weave, do macramé and needlepoint. She owned her own yarn store and taught knitting and crochet classes. She loved music and was an accomplished piano and organ player and enjoyed inviting her musical friends over for jam sessions. Barb loved the beach at Cross Village and decorating their home with her many crafts.

Barb is preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Jean; grandsons, Andrew and Nathaniel; daughter, Amy; and brother, Dick. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Dr. Larry Disher; brother, Don; son, Dr. Michael Disher of Fort Wayne, IN with 5 daughters Kylie, Marlee (Caleb), Bethany (Aaron), Natalie (Sam) and Gracie; son, Jeff (Kathy) of Zeeland, MI with children Ellen, David, Daniel and Nathan; grandson, Robbie Sullivan (Annie); and 6 great-grandchildren.

A visitation is planned for 2:00-4:00pm Sunday, October 23, at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Funeral Home, 3980 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Memorial gifts in Barb's honor may be sent to support an endowment fund at the Lakeview Area Community Fund in Barb's name. Mail to Greenville Area Community Foundation, 225 N. Lafayette, Greenville, MI. 48838. Or go online using www.gacfmi.org/give-now, under Division of Funds and select Lakeview Division, Barbara Disher Memorial Fund. If you have questions about the fund or how to give, please call 616-754-2640. Local arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Funeral Home
3980 Cascade Rd. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Tribute Wall

CN

“ I chatted with Larry occasionally when he lived at the Atrium and he would often tear up if his wife was mentioned. I didn't realize they had lived in Cross Village - I love that little town and spend a few days there every fall. My deepest sympathies to all of the Disher's loved ones. Sincerely, Cindy N, Royal Park Place chaplain

Cindy Nyhoff - October 24, 2022 at 10:08 PM

JM

“ Barb and Dr. Larry Disher welcomed me to Lakeview Animal Clinic as a young Veterinarian. Barb and Larry invited me to their home nearly every day. She prepared many delicious meals for me. Barb made the best BLT,s. She was kind,fun,and encouraged me. I miss her and will never forget. Love you Barb. Jim Main

james r Main - October 23, 2022 at 07:02 PM

MS

“ Please give our deepest sympathy to Larry and the family. We never had the privilege of meeting his wife but he shared many stories of their life together with us while he was at the Atrium. We miss seeing and talking to Larry and are sending our prayers to him during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Molly Klingenberg and her daughters Linda, Mary Jo and Karen

Mary Jo Stevens - October 22, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Disher.*



October 22, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *I feel for losing such a loving, dynamic mother and friend. My thoughts are with you.*

Julie Hill - October 20, 2022 at 03:32 PM