



Barbara Ponstein

December 13, 1946 - July 4, 2019

Barbara Ponstein, age 72, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 4, 2019. Barbara was a Registered Nurse and worked at Blodgett Hospital, Appledorn Care Facility, and Haven Park (SKLD Nursing). She loved Big Star Lake and spent time there every summer since she was 1 ½ years old. She was active in her church and volunteered in her children's school and attended all their activities growing up. She was preceded in death by brothers-in-law, Hollis Ponstein, Edward Kamara, and Tom Eberhard. Barbara is survived by her husband, Tim; children and grandchildren, Jenni and Dan Bouwkamp (Stephanie, Kim, Alyssa), Kathy Boeve (Emily, Jeremy, Justin), Robin and Troy Fish (Jessica, Joshua, Leanne), Beth Ponstein; brother, Chuck and Karen Bos; brother, Ken and Fay Bos; sister, Mary Eberhard; sisters and brothers in-law, Irma and Terry Mokma, Beth and Ken Somers, Bill and Sherry Ponstein, Laura Ponstein, Lynn and Norman Reed, Maxine Ponstein, Paul and Mary Ponstein; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation is from 5:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State St. Zeeland, MI 49464. Funeral services are at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 10 at Beaverdam Christian Reformed Church, 5166 64th Ave. Hudsonville, MI 49426 with Rev. Tyler Wagenmaker officiating. Memorial contributions in Barbara's honor may be given to Unity Christian School or a Christian school of one's choice. Burial to take place in Beaverdam Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ponstein*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

EM

“On the 4th of July, I witnessed a sky spectacle unlike anything I'd seen before. I hadn't planned on watching fireworks or anything. But it was so amazing that I had to stop the car, get out and marvel. It wasn't just the fireworks, something special about the night sky with the slight waxing crescent moon and the birds flying around it. Magical, I thought, what a show! And then I got the news about aunt Barb. How appropriate. Barb will always be our Shining Star. When I think of Beaver Dam, Holland, Big Bear Lake, and Zeeland, Michigan, my heart and mind are filled with warm memories of Tim and Barb who always welcomed me with genuine sincerity and generous kindness. I was came from a violent neighborhood and was traumatized as a child when my mother (Laura Ponstein) brought me to the farm. Uncle Tim and Aunt Barb both embraced me as one of their children even though I was obviously different. Tim and Barb were both intuitive healers. Gentle in the way they spoke and nurturing in all their activities. Exploring the farm with Tim and Hollis was very therapeutic for me and Barb was not only a nurse but a teacher. Always giving me guidance and perspective. Her hugs were fortifying and her eyes lit up when she laughed. Over the years I can remember so many times when I was nervous or uncertain at the great family events. I'd look over at Barb and she had that familiar glow of happy recognition that gave you confidence. Plus, if there was something to giggle about, Barb had your back. I'll miss you Auntie and hearing your lovely voice. But you touched my life and gave me lessons that I carry with me daily. Bless your soul on your next journey. I'll see you in the shining stars. And my deepest condolences to Uncle Tim, Jenni, Kathy, Robin and the rest of the family. May peace be with you. Sincerely, Erick Michael”

Erick Michael - October 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HG

“Harv and Eunice Gemmen”

Harv and Eunice Gemmen - July 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JU

“Tim and family:Went to grade school and high school with Barb , she was always thinking of others. You are in our thoughts and prayers! Blessings!”

Judy - July 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DB

“Tim and family,We are so very sorry for your loss. You have been so loving and kind to Barb. It was so much fun seeing you at Unity games. As you know we are having similar experiences now. May God wrap his arms of love around you and give you his comfort and peace.”

Dave and Nan Bos - July 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JD

“Ken & Faith, My deepest sympathies to you in the passing of your dear sister. It is hard to lose a sibling. I just experienced this with the passing of Clare's younger brother, Bob Doornbos, in March. He also attended Beaverdam church so I'm sure Bob & Barb knew each other well.”

Janice Doornbos - July 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ME

“You were always there for me in a special way. I'm glad you are my sister.”

Mary Bos Eberhard - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JH

“Barb was our neighbor on Nelson St. the year our youngest child was born. I remember her coming in to see me late on that Friday the 13th of November 1970 when she got off duty before she went home. And we were invited to her and Tim's wedding. My sympathy to her loved ones.”

June Huissen - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CF

“I also worked at Haven Park and knew her. I worked in the Alzheimer's Unit for a lot of years. I also went to Unity Christian High School. I used my foster name at that time. M Corey Furbish”

Corey Furbish - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KK

“So sorry to hear of Barb's passing, but comforted to know she is now with Jesus. I have many happy memories of our times together at Big Star Lake as kids. Cousin Ken Klaasen”

Ken Klaasen - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM