



Barbara Jean Barlund

June 30, 1925 - October 12, 2013

Barbara Jean Barlund, 88, of Vermontville, MI, died Saturday, October 12, 2013 in Hastings. Barbara was born June 30, 1925 in Lansing, MI, the daughter of Henry Harold and Thelma Jane (Schnepp) Stewart. Growing up, her family moved often, but settled near Bellevue, where she graduated high school. In her early years, she and her twin sister, Betty, worked downtown Charlotte at the Home Dairy, attracting the attention of young men from all over the county. On May 13, 1945, she married Raymond Barlund and together they raised 1 son and 4 daughters. Later, after her children had grown, she worked as a cook at the Maplewood Elementary, attracting students and teachers from throughout Maple Valley for her famous rolls. Barbara loved milking the cows, sewing and knitting, and especially cooking and working in her garden. Above all, she cherished time with her family, enjoying the many family sporting events. Barbara was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Raymond on April 21, 2013. She is survived by their son Raymond (Colleen) Barlund and their children Rachael, Nathan, Brooke (Brett) Williams, Trent (Malinda) and Brittany; daughters, Penny (Chris) Brumm and their children Lane (Laurie), Lance, Lacey (Chad) Johnson and Lanette; Pamela (Daniel) Stine and their sons Darrel and Brent (Sarah); and Patricia (Bill) Dennis and their children Brian (Lila) and Michelle (Ryan) Wells; 28 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; brother Bill (Anita) Stewart; brother-in-law, Bob Bigford; sister-in-law, Betsy Stewart; and several nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her twin sister, Betty

Jane Garvey and her husband, Bernard; sister, Judy Bigford; brother, Harold Stewart; daughter, Paula Barlund; and grandson, Mike Dennis. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, with Rev. Darrell Hodge officiating. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at Pray Funeral Home. Interment will take place in Gresham Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Maple Valley Scholarship Fund or Eaton Community Palliative Care. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com
<http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

Tribute Wall

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“ We are thinking of all you. We have lots of good memories of Aunt Barbara. Love Brinda & Dave

Brinda & Dave - October 18, 2013 at 07:24 AM

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“ The Barlund Family - It is with sadness that we learn of your family's loss. Your mom was always so friendly and had a smile to share. I frequently ran in to your parents in Charlotte while shopping and would always catch up on our neighborhood Vermontville "family". I pray for you knowing you have many wonderful times shared to treasure and warm your hearts. God Bless!

Mike and Maureen Orman - October 17, 2013 at 09:10 PM

BS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all today. I will never forget all the great times shared with Aunt Barbara and how she always made me feel loved.

Billy, Jamie, Abel & Lincoln Stewart - October 16, 2013 at 04:23 PM

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“ Pam, I am so sorry for your loss. I know you were really close to your mother and will miss her very much. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sparkie - October 15, 2013 at 12:21 PM

SB

“ Penny, Chris and family, sorry for your loss, may you find peace in your memories of her!

Sandi & Butch - October 14, 2013 at 11:15 PM