



## Barbara Jeanne Brandon

October 15, 1951 - February 23, 2010

Barbara Jeanne Brandon, 58 of Charlotte, loving wife, mother, Grammy, friend and cancer warrior, lost her valiant struggle against cancer on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 with her family by her side, as they have been throughout her illness. Barb was born October 15, 1951 in Charlotte, Michigan, the daughter of Henry and Roberta (Thornton) VanDeMoortel. She worked as an Eligibility Specialist with the State of Michigan until her illness forced her to retire. Barb was a very active and staunch supporter of the Charlotte Relay for Life and will be missed by all of her fellow relayers. She is survived by her husband, Charles "Chuck" Brandon; daughters, Chara L. Grinold, and Bobbi J. Brandon (Kimberly Thompson), both of Charlotte; grandchildren, Finn Grinold, Jaigen Brandon and Taylor Thompson; brothers, Charles (Chuck) and Sally VanDeMoortel of Battle Creek, Larry (Ann) Bechtel of Manchester, Gerry (Deanna) Bechtel of Cloverdale; sisters and brothers-in law, Edie Helms, Pam Johnson, Larry Pifer, Kevin (Kathy) Brandon; special friends William (Bill) and Martha Cooper and Charlene (Char) and Bruce Wakeman and many other friends and family who she loved with all her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Dick Bechtel and Ron Helms; sister-in-law, Sue Pifer; and mother-in-law, Betty Brandon. Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 27, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home, with Rev. Phil Hobson officiating. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, 7-9 p.m. and Friday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be made

to Charlotte Relay for Life – Team Betty’s Beacons or Eaton Community Hospice.

Family and Friends are invited to [www.PrayFuneralHome.com](http://www.PrayFuneralHome.com) for further information and to leave Notes on Condolence for the family. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Jeanne Brandon



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Chuck, Chara and Bobbi Words can't begin to say how much we will miss Barb - she was such a great person - full of love and understanding. Chara and Bobbi you were her world she was so proud of you both - Chuck you were her rock. There are so many memories that we have - Love to you all, Bob and Cindy Brad, Danny and Starr

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**Cindy Older** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Lora tozer-best** - March 02, 2010 at 11:15 AM

JF

“ Chuck and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Barbara. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. These are difficult times and there are so many people who are there to support you. Jane Fletcher

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**Jane Fletcher** - March 01, 2010 at 10:08 AM

AJ

“ Just wanted you all to know,how terribly sorry I am. Chuck,Chara,Bobbi you have lost a wife,mother and a very special woman. She was a very good friend to me. I will truly miss our friendship. Our many days of walking down the road, our visits talking of our children her grandkids. Our special bond that we both had, the love of all animals. Rest in Peace my dear friend.... Sincerly Ann Jones

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**Ann Jones** - February 28, 2010 at 05:23 AM

KB

“ I just wanted to let you know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Barb was an amazingly caring, kind, and upbeat person who fought until the very end. I know this has been a long hard road for your family and that you've all experienced way too many tragedies with cancer. I know your mom will now be looking down with Sue and your grandma as you all continue the fight to end cancer at future Relay for Life events and such over the years. Deepest sympathy, Kari

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**Kari Butcher** - February 27, 2010 at 01:14 PM

BM

“ Chuck and family, our hearts go out to all of you during this difficult time your mother was a very special and lovely lady and she will be sadly missed by all. Just know that she will be watching over all of you take care and always remember you have many friends who love and care about all of you. Love Brian & Linda McDonald and family

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**Brian & Linda McDonald** - February 27, 2010 at 12:42 PM

MP

“ Chuck, you and your family are in our thought's and prayer's. Mike and Patti Parish

Mike and Patti Parish - February 26, 2010 at 01:03 PM

RS

“ Dear Chuck and family: I was so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. What a wonderful woman. She will truly be missed at relay since she was such an inspiration to so many. You all are in my thoughts, prayers and heart. Love to you all, Robin

Robin Cooper Stair - February 26, 2010 at 11:15 AM

BP

“ So sorry for you loss. I worked with Barb at Eaton she was always so grateful when I could help her out when she had problems with her computer as I was the ITT(computer geek) at the time. I loved her cube decorated with Betty Boop. Always a smile on her face. She will be missed.

Bonnie Phillips - February 26, 2010 at 09:24 AM

MD

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. She fought a brave battle and will deeply be missed by many.

Marla Thuma Eaton Co DHS - February 26, 2010 at 05:48 AM

CY

“ *Chara & Finn Grinold; Bobbi & Jaigen  
Brandon; & families; We LOVE you  
Mom/Grammy*



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**Chara & Finn; Bobbi & Jaigen; & families We LOVE you!!** - February 25, 2010 at 02:07 PM

SS

“ *Dear Chuck and family, Please, accept my condolences in the loss  
of your wife. I just recently lost my husband when he suffered a  
sudden heart attack, so, I know the loss and pain that you are going  
through right now. I will be remembering you in prayer. Susan*

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**Susan (Fhaner) Spencer** - February 25, 2010 at 01:27 PM

NA

“ *Thank you for all the memories. You will  
forever be in our hearts. Love you!*



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**Nick, Jacki, Danyel, Cole, Braylon, Addison** - February 25, 2010 at 09:01 AM

IS

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We really enjoyed getting to  
know Barbara, she was always such a warm and friendly person.  
We will miss her smile.*

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**Infusion Center Staff** - February 25, 2010 at 08:31 AM

CG

“ *My mom rocked! She was an amazing woman and Mother and Grammy. She has been the backbone of our family since the beginning. She took care of everyone else first. Mom was a CANCER WARRIOR if there ever was one. She kicked cancer in the ass! She was so brave and lived with so much pain and so many setbacks with the attitude of a star. She was one of my heros (of course my Dad is the other one). She made me and Bobbi who we are today - strong, intelligent, beautiful, caring women. Mom taught us how to be ourselves, how to have fun, and how to give 'em what for! She is the best Mom and the best Grandma ever - she was even Mom & Grandma for others as well. She always supported us - no matter what - unconditionally. Words can never, ever express how much she meant to all of us. (PS - My Dad has been an amazing caregiver to her. He made it possible for her to continue her treatments until the very end. He took such great care of her & she LOVED him SOOOOOO much. They would have been married 38 years this coming June and he was her world. I am so proud of what he did for her.)*

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**Chara Grinold** - February 25, 2010 at 03:25 AM

CB

“ *LOVE ALWAYS.*



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**Chuck Brandon** - February 24, 2010 at 09:21 PM

RM

“ To Chuck and family...I remember Barb from when she worked in the Installment Loan Dept. at Michigan National Bank,(where I worked), several years ago. She was such a bright and spirited young gal and just so likable! I am glad that I was privileged to know her and happened to see her in the Gavel Restaurant a few weeks ago and give her a hug, as I had not heard of how seriously ill she was, until then. You and your family are on our special prayer list and we hope that all the special memories of Barb will help to sustain you at this sad time.

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**Ruth Mix** - February 24, 2010 at 01:35 PM

MC

“ Chuck, Bobbie & Chara, You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all and are here for you anytime you need us. Keep your heads up! She is missed deary in our family and we will forever have a place in our hearts for her and all of you. Love, Andy, Michelle, Macie and Ellie Cooper

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**Michelle Cooper** - February 24, 2010 at 12:41 PM

B(

“ So sorry to hear that Barb has passed away. She was a great lady. Your in my thoughts during this difficult time.

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**Billie Jo Day (Lea)** - February 24, 2010 at 12:30 PM

BC

“ Chuck, Chara and Bobbi, So sorry to hear of the lost of your loved one. She fought a hard battle. Barb was so proud of her family. When she spoke of her grandchildren a twinkle shone in her eyes. She will be deeply miss. My thought and prayers are with you.

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**Bob and Barb Culp** - February 24, 2010 at 12:28 PM

LB

“ Dear Chuck, Chara, Bobbi and family, I am sorry I will not be able to attend Services, as I won't be back in Michigan until late Saturday. I am glad I had a chance to see her before I left. I did not think it go so fast. My thoughts are with you, My deepest Sympathy, Love Lori

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**Lori Becketl** - February 24, 2010 at 12:06 PM

LL

“ Chuck and girls I just wanted to add that your family and Angie and I have been so intertwined for such along time well over 20yrs, I was so saddened to hear of Barb's passing, I feel I have lost a dear friend and a piece of my heart goes to each of you. I remember Barb bragging about all of you over 20yrs ago when she would come in for coffee with Debbie, Carol and I at the Eaton Place every morning. You should know you guys were her life, her love and her whole reason for being. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers every day. Love to all of you. Loretta

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**Loretta Lee** - February 24, 2010 at 06:38 AM

SH

“ Chuck, Chara, Bobbie and families, Words can't express the sorrow we feel for having lost Barb. I'll never forget her great big smile and her warm hugs. Barb was down to earth, honest and straight forward, and she knew how to have fun. From the pink flamingos that kept appearing in our yards to the decorations in our campers, Barb has given us so many wonderful memories. May God be with you all. Love, Sandy and Jim Howell

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**Sandy Howell** - February 24, 2010 at 05:38 AM

CK

“ So sorry to hear about Barb I worked with her at Eaton DHS. My condolences to her family and friends. She will be missed.

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**Chris Kersjes** - February 24, 2010 at 02:23 AM

AL

“ Chuck, Chara, and Bobbi, We were so saddened to hear of the passing of Barb. She has been a fixture in a lot of times in our lives. Words cannot express how truly sorry we are. With our deepest sympathies and love, Loretta, Angie and families

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**angela kibbey and loretta lee** - February 23, 2010 at 12:49 PM