



## Barbara Sussex

December 22, 1930 - September 13, 2015

Our dearly loved mother Barbara Lucille (Lilly) Sussex passed away September 13th in Charlotte, Michigan after a courageous battle with cancer. Mom was born December 22, 1930 in Lansing. She and dad lived in Lansing, Kalamazoo, Allegan, Sturgis, and the last years in Charlotte.

Mom was a wonderful homemaker, and really elevated having a welcoming home to an art. Mom's home-made bread and pies were legendary, and you never left the table hungry. Mom loved opera and the old rock and roll, crosswords, and a well told story. Mom was a keen observer of life, politics, people, and places and would freely share her observations and opinions about each. She always knew the Jeopardy geography questions. It is probably a blessing that she left us before the next election.

Many memories were shared by mom about flying with Dad along the rivers and lakes of Michigan in the early years, in a small Piper-Cub and later years by car. Mom loved finding treasures in her travels whether they be a physical object, a beautiful scene, one perfect blossom, or a special person. She stored each one of these memories and could recount them with clarity right to the end.

Mom is remembered and loved by daughters Sharon Grescowle of Lansing, Susan Milligan of Lansing, Sandra (Don) Miles of Charlevoix, and son Ed Sussex of Charlotte, 6 grandchildren; Amy (Tony) Lask, Lisa (Bill) Hambly, David (Stephanie) Milligan, Heather Milligan, John Miles, and Robin (Reece) Albright, and 3 great-grandchildren; Alexandra, Andrea and Anthony Lask.

Mom's beloved sisters Esther Murden and Patricia Nelson, along with numerous nephews and nieces. Mom is also survived by many sister and brother-in-laws by relationship, but truly sisters and brothers in love. Our dear friend Jan Kimble also shares in our memories of mom. Our father, and mom's husband of 58 years, preceded our mom in death, and he has been waiting since 2006 to welcome his "sweetie."

In lieu of flowers, Barb would ask that you do an unexpected or unsolicited act of kindness for someone. She also would ask that you remember Eaton County Palliative Care in your kind thoughts. They were remarkable in their care, and unflinching in their grace. Honoring Mom's request, a celebration in her honor is planned for a future date. Memorials can be sent to Eaton County Palliative Care. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Barb on her tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

The last years mom loved her small journey's around the area. When the GPS would say "You Are in Uncharted Territory," mom would giggle and say "I love it." May her travels and adventures now with Dad and others who passed before her be sweet and true.

# Tribute Wall

VG

“ Sharon, sorry to hear about your Mother just saw it in the County Journal. She was a very sweet lady! Hope to see you, think of you often. Vickie Gingrich

Vickie Gingrich - September 21, 2015 at 11:31 AM

MF

“ All my love to you Digs- so very sorry for your loss.



Mary Lou Faherty - September 20, 2015 at 08:51 PM

PS

“ The sincere love and caring for your mother (and father) shines through in this beautifully written obituary. I didn't know your mother or any of you, I'm just a reader of the Lansing State Journal; I just wanted to share with you how touched I was in reading this beautiful tribute to your mother. She (and your dad) would be so proud of you. Well raised!!

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.  
God bless!!*

Pat Sorg - September 15, 2015 at 05:53 PM