



## Barbara Ann Williams

May 23, 1936 - May 26, 2018

Barbara Ann Williams, 82, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Barbara was born May 23, 1936 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the daughter of Charles and Mercedes (Kirkpatrick) Bernhardt and Ernest R. Kluge, who have predeceased her. Barbara was a graduate of J.W. Sexton High School, class of 1954 and a longtime member of Central United Methodist Church in Lansing, and Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte. In 1988, Barbara retired from the City of Lansing, Personnel Department, after 28 years of service, and went to work for WalMart in Charlotte for several years. She was an ardent and active member of the Lansing Community; including Cub Scout leader, GLAHA hockey mom; member of The United Way of Lansing, Lansing Civic Players, Lansing Women's Club, American Society of Safety Engineers, Lansing Safety Council, Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Jug and Mug Ski Club of Lansing, and the Eaton Area Senior Center.

Barbara always loved music and was always a member of the choir in the church she belonged to. She studied with Dr. David Machtel, Sr. of Lansing and the Armand School of Theatrical Art in Detroit. She was the guest soloist with the Saginaw Symphony Orchestra, and sang with the "Rocketaires." A soprano, Barbara also shared her talent by soloing at weddings and many other community functions. In addition to her love of music, she enjoyed bowling, dancing, bingo, and, of course, her animals.

Surviving are her son, Randy (Gail) Williams of Charlotte; grandchildren, Charlie and Ethan Williams and Shelby Wilson; and special cousins and friends. All knew they were very much loved. She lived one day at a time, counted her blessings, and had a strong Faith in God.

Friends and family are encouraged to gather on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Interment will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to any charity of choice. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Barbara on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAY **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met this great lady when she gave me my typing test to get hired into the City of Lansing. We became good friends and she was always very proud of her son and grandchildren. May your cherished memories of this beautiful lady bring you comfort and may knowing that she is in God's loving embrace give you peace.



Suzanne Moore - May 28, 2018 at 08:44 AM

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Barb hired me June 1969 at the City of Lansing. I had 4 little boys at the time. When I had to take a day off for a sick child, guess who showed up at my door, her wonderful mom. Chuck, Mercedes, Barb & Randy were like an extended family to all of us. Love you so much Barb & I will miss you. We spent many wonderful years together. I will see you in Heaven. Love. Jan, (Clint,) Doug, Jim and Bruce.

Janis arnold - May 29, 2018 at 10:14 AM

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As a young boy, I remember visiting my cousin Barb in Lansing where she lived with Mercedes and Chuck. She loved visits from family and loved to introduce us all to her pet raccoon! Her love of Bingo games often took her to distant places with her Mom and Grandmother. Family, children and pets always tugged at her heart!! When Barb retired, she would include my daughter on trips with her grandchildren to fun places like the zoo. Her smile, feisty nature and loving hugs will be greatly missed. I am certain your beautiful voice and loving spirit are already part of God's choir of angels!!! Till we meet again in Heaven, Love, Richard, Lynda, Heath, Tim and Laura Otto

Richard Otto - May 30, 2018 at 07:07 AM