



## Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer

June 23, 1940 - April 23, 2026

Barbara Mae Johnson Breuer, 85, died on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at her home in Highland, Illinois.

She was born on June 23, 1940, in Brockton, Massachusetts to Chet and Louise Johnson. She married Leslie H. Breuer, Jr. on August 8, 1957. This coming August would have been their 69th wedding anniversary.

Barbara and Leslie farmed in Alhambra, IL for 43 years. She was a city girl who quickly learned how to take care of cows and horses. She loved living on the farm; she loved gardening and just being outside. She had a special love for all animals, caring for several dogs, cats, fish, guinea pigs, and birds over her life. She rescued baby bunnies and birds who were hurt. She rescued turtles, providing a sanctuary in the basement. She had a huge heart and shared her love for people and animals broadly.

Barbara was a homemaker and community volunteer. She was devoted to her family and her community. She had been an active member of the Collinsville-Troy Church of Christ since 1972. She held various roles as a teacher, program coordinator and served as church secretary for several years. She made daily calls to friends who were ill and provided hundreds of rides to church members and friends who needed rides to doctor's appointments. She cared for several neighbors who were older and needed extra help, meals or car rides. She made regular visits to area nursing homes to visit friends, and

she would often make new friends that she would add to her visiting list. Barbara and her daughter, Kara, worked as Election Judges in Madison County for several years and often volunteered to work elections in area nursing homes because of their shared special affection for older people.

She is survived by her husband, Leslie H. Breuer, Jr. of Highland, her 6 children: Greg Breuer of Jefferson City, MO, Anita and her husband, Michael Peters of Monona, WI, Dawna and her husband, Gary Miller of Highland, IL, Kim and her husband, Mike McHenry of Bloomington, IL, Tiffany Walsh of Highland, IL and Kara Breuer of Highland, IL. Barbara was a devoted grandmother to 13 grandchildren: Jacque, Tim and wife, Desteny, Lauren and wife, Stacy, Kelley and husband, Nihal, Barrett and wife, Casey, Caleb, Joshua, Taylor, RJ, Ally and fiancé, Jadon, Kayla, Dalen and Logan and a proud great-grandmother to Aria, Shane, Elizabeth, Greyson, Amelia, Matthew, Gloria, Zadie, Freya, Edith and Antiwon. She is also survived by her two youngest sisters, Marcia Holmes and husband Ed and Debbie Savage, all of Coats, NC.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Dotti and Nancy. She was also preceded in death by a son, Timothy.

There will be a visitation at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois on Monday, April 27th from 9-10:45am and service at 11am. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. James, Missouri on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM with family attending.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Breuer Family Trust at 1703 Pine Street, Highland, Illinois, 62249.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2133  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Funeral Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
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## Burial

APR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oak Grove Cemetery  
20370 County Rd1400  
St James, MO 65559  
(573) 263-0845

# Tribute Wall

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“ AHA Marvels planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.

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AHA Marvels - April 27 at 12:11 PM

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“ AHA Marvels purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.



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AHA Marvels - April 27 at 12:11 PM

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“ From all of us at 3837 On The Lake purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.



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From all of us at 3837 On The Lake - April 25 at 06:06 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.



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April 25 at 12:18 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.*



April 25 at 09:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.

April 25 at 09:27 AM



“ *I had the privilege of being her chauffeur when I first met her, driving her to a weekly meeting and to take her shopping and to an appointment on occasion. We always had a good time! That sort of morphed into a caregiving/cleaning/companionship type relationship, not to mention friendship. She always had time to listen if you were having a bad day and would promise her prayers for you or your situation; a real prayer warrior! I will miss her! May God wrap his loving arms around each family member of hers and give them comfort and peace.*

**Judy Hereford** - April 24 at 10:21 PM



“ *Love, Matt & Kelly Thomas, Ann & Sandy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.*



**Love, Matt & Kelly Thomas, Ann & Sandy** - April 24 at 07:09 PM

GB

“ 1 file added to the album the best



Greg Breuer - April 24 at 03:37 PM

BF

“ Bennett and Clifton families purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.



Bennett and Clifton families - April 24 at 03:37 PM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.



April 24 at 03:24 PM

KG

“ K garreau purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.



K garreau - April 24 at 03:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.

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April 24 at 02:05 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Barbara M. "Barb" Breuer.



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April 24 at 02:05 PM