



Barbara J. Guentensberger

June 6, 1945 - March 14, 2014

Barbara Jean Guentensberger, age 68 of Highland, IL, died Friday, March 14, 2014, at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL.

She was born June 06, 1945, in Gulfport, MS, the daughter of Wilbert Johantosettel and Velma D. Johantosettel Hayden (nee Shermer).

On June 13, 1964, she married Larry G. Guentensberger who survives in Highland, IL .

She was a member of First Congregational Church in Highland.

Barbara was born at Gulfport, Mississippi. At age 3 she and her family moved to New Douglas, IL, where she attended grade school. She graduated Highland High School in 1963. She married her high school sweetheart in 1964. She was employed by Journal Printing since 1976 as a bookkeeper. She was very active in all her children's activities, and very active in the community and her church. She volunteered for many church activities and also at the Highland Food Pantry. She was an avid reader, enjoyed cross stitching, sewing, and travel with her husband. "She lived her life in service of the Lord, and for others"!

Survivors include :

Husband - Larry G. Guentensberger, Highland, IL
Son - Jeffrey W. (Susan) Guentensberger, Cleveland, TN
Daughter - Shelby L. (Doug) Cummins, Casey, IL
Grandchild - Andrew G. Guentensberger, Cleveland, TN
Grandchild - Jakob W. Guentensberger, Cleveland, TN
Grandchild - Robin M. Cummins, Casey, IL
Grandchild - Noah J. Cummins, Casey, IL

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Wilbert Johanntosettel

Mother - Velma D. Johanntosettel Hayden nee Shermer

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at First Congregational Church in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at First Congregational Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Greg S. Brady officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to H.A.C.S.M. (Highland Food Pantry) or First Congregational Church.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *To Larry and Family...we are so heartily sorry for your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy during this special time of your lives. We will always remember Barb. With Faith, Hope, and Love...from the Lesicko's, George, Jerome, & Kathy.*

Lesickos - March 20, 2014 at 10:06 AM

KK

“ *We send our deepest sympathy to your family. We love and pray for you all!*

Kevin & Kelly

Kevin & Kelly - March 18, 2014 at 09:24 AM

JK

“ *As a child, my older cousin Barbara was really special! She and her mom, my Aunt Velma, loved me unconditionally and treated me as their own. I will never forget those wonderful memories, made to feel so loved as I spent summer visits in New Douglas with Barbara. I so look forward to seeing both Barbara and Aunt Velma in heaven!*

In deep appreciation,

Joan Renner Kelley

Joan Renner Kelley - March 17, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Guentensberger.*



March 17, 2014 at 08:15 AM



“ *The biggest joy of my life, from chocolate people to mustard sandwiches. The most loving, compassionate, generous in all things, Christian woman I know.*

Joann Chulick - March 16, 2014 at 09:16 PM

AH

“ *Barbra Jean Guentensberger*
(mentor and friend)

Matthew 5:14-15 (She is the lamp)

Ephesians 2: 6-7 (living the ex.)

Ephesians 2:10 (doing good things)

2 Corinthians 5:20 (Christ's example)

She was a messenger

*Thank you for the light you share,
the example you lived, the good things you did
and the precedent you shared with others!*

"She lived her life in service of the Lord, and for others!"

You were such a blessing in our lives!

*The Hickey family
Anne, David, Olivia, and Sarah*

Anne Hickey - March 16, 2014 at 01:24 PM

SE

“ *Jeff and Susan, We are so sorry to hear about your mom. We will
keep you both in our thoughts and prayers. Scott and David.*

Scott Eberhart - March 16, 2014 at 10:40 AM

MM

“ Larry, Jeff, Shelby and Families,
I am holding you close in thought and prayers. Barb was always smiling and bubbly. Whenever we would see one another laughs would be shared. Heaven has gained a lovely, shining angel. God Bless You All !

Marsha Moore - March 15, 2014 at 09:33 PM

MD

“ Barb was a wonderful, caring woman and a real friend. I will never forget her and will miss her terribly. Until we meet again, friend. I love you.

Miriam DeVries - March 15, 2014 at 05:08 PM

PL

“ Larry and family,
Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you in this hard time. It's never easy to lose the love of your life. Your two exemplified what life should be. Many found memories of those high school days even though you both were ahead of me - there are still good memories. God Bless you all for peace.

Pam Ulrich Lecerf

Pam Ulrich Lecerf - March 15, 2014 at 04:37 PM

RC

Larry

Connie and I are so sorry for your loss. We cherish the times we had with you and Barb. God bless you and your family.

Ron and Connie Cranford

Ron Cranford - March 18, 2014 at 04:34 AM