



Barbara G. Hollyer Kemp

October 18, 1938 - December 15, 2024

Barbara G. Hollyer Kemp of Hartland formerly of Luther passed away Sunday, December 15, 2024 in Hartland. She was 86.

Barb was born on October 18, 1938 in Detroit to Richard & Eleanor (Julien) Hollyer. She graduated from Redford Union High School in Detroit. On July 3, 1982 in Brighton, Michigan she married David L. Kemp. Barb had been employed at the University of Michigan Hospital from 1979-1997. In 1999 she moved to the Luther area.

She enjoyed gardening, snowmobiling, cooking, knitting, reading, and volunteering. She was active with the Cadillac Winter Warriors; was an active member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Luther where she was a member of Sisters of Service. Barb had also served as the Dover Township Clerk for many years.

Survivors include her children: Jeannine (Norm) Pratt of Bay City and Chris (Rachel) Poe of Livonia; grandchildren: Derek Swackhamer (Lindsay Farris), Jarod Swackhamer, Cameron (Bria Rivet) Pratt and Riley Poe; siblings: Phyllis (George) Wardrip and Edward Hollyer; In-laws: Cindy Kemp-Winchester and Gary (Jan) Kemp.

In addition to her parents Barb was preceded in death by her husband David

on February 26, 2021 her brother, Lawrence (Shirley) Hollyer; brother-in-law, Kenny Winchester and sister-in-law, Patti Hollyer.

The Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM Saturday April 26, 2025 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Luther with Rev. Fr. Matthew Barnum as celebrant. Burial has taken place at Dover Township Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Careline Hospice or St. Ignatius Catholic Church. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Dover Township Cemetery

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Ignatius Catholic Church
701 State St
Luther, MI 49656
(231) 797-5561

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara G. Hollyer Kemp.*



April 22, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *I worked with Barb at UM, she had a heart of gold, and the best laugh I've ever heard.*
Janice Vasher Smith

Janice Smith - December 21, 2024 at 08:38 AM



“ *Oh Barb, you were just the best. Taking care of you was always the highlight of my day. Your smile through the hard parts made me admire you so much more, you were a strong lady and always made me laugh. Missing you has been hard, I ask god to wrap his arms around those who loved you. Love you so much!*



Brooke Carmichael - December 18, 2024 at 03:37 PM