



## Deborah Jean Barney

September 10, 1947 - June 3, 2025

Deborah Jean Barney, lovingly known as “Deb,” of Cadillac, passed away peacefully on June 3, 2025. She was 77.

Born September 10, 1947, in Cadillac to John H. and Wilda J. (Miller) Hillman, Deb grew up in a large and loving family with her siblings Tim, Tom, Phil, Liz, and Martha. She graduated from Cadillac High School in 1965 and later earned her associate’s degree from North Central Michigan Community College.

Deb’s career was marked by dedication and leadership. She managed several stores in Northern Michigan, including Apron Springs of Petoskey, Nancy Drew Studio of Harbor Springs, and Edward P. Jones of Petoskey. She retired as property manager of Riverview Terrace in Petoskey before moving back to Cadillac nine years ago.

Deb was a proud member of Zion Lutheran Church. She enjoyed home decor, art fairs and antique shows. Her greatest passion, however, was her family.

Deb was a devoted mother to her daughters, Sarah (Jay) Taylor of Grand Rapids and Mary Ann (Rich) Grosfield of Harrison Township.

Deb's most cherished role was grandmother a.k.a. “Grammy” to Blake, Grace, Stefan, Lucy, Grant, Luke and Jack. She delighted watching them grow and in hearing about their passions, adventures & achievements.

She is survived by her daughters; her grandchildren; her siblings Tom (Molly) Hillman, Liz (Leonard) Terranova, and Martha (Bill) Norman; and sister-in-law Sheri Hillman. Deb was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Philip

and Tim Hillman.

A memorial service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac at 11:00AM on Friday, June 20, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church  
350 Pearl St  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
(231) 775-9821

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Michael, Kristin, Nolan and Amira purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Deborah Jean Barney.



Michael, Kristin, Nolan and Amira - June 19, 2025 at 11:08 AM

EF

“ Earl and Ambre Flynn and family purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Deborah Jean Barney.



Earl and Ambre Flynn and family - June 17, 2025 at 02:06 PM

ER

“ Erin R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Jean Barney.

Erin R. - June 13, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JH

“ Justin and Tiffani Hutchens purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of Deborah Jean Barney.



Justin and Tiffani Hutchens - June 11, 2025 at 01:13 PM

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Justin and Tiffani Hutchens - June 11, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Barney.



June 09, 2025 at 01:24 PM

SP

“ Deb, you are missed here at Green Acres. You and your lovely family. We know that you are content now, with no painful dialyses. We send our love and sympathy to all your family.  
Shelby and Carlton

Shelby & Carlton Plyler - June 08, 2025 at 02:14 PM