



Barbara Jo Lewis

November 9, 1945 - June 17, 2015

Barbara Jo Lewis, age 69, of Mineral Point, passed away peacefully at home with her husband Don Hilgenberg on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 after a courageous battle against ovarian cancer.

She was born to Mardell Lewis in Iowa City, Iowa on November 9, 1945. She attended Belle Plaine Senior High School. Barbara gave birth to her only child, a daughter, Teresa (Dedrick) Lucey on December 8, 1961. She worked in the VISTA program studying drug and alcohol abuse counseling in Independence, Iowa. In September of 1976, Barbara and her daughter moved to Lancaster, Wisconsin where she worked as an AODA counselor and was the AODA program supervisor at Unified Counseling.

In August 1991, Barbara was united in marriage to the love of her life Don Hilgenberg. The couple resided in Mineral Point. Barbara and Don dedicated 15 years of their lives to Narcotics Anonymous helping addicts and alcoholics throughout the area. Barbara retired from Unified Counseling in July 2007 after 30 years of service and then worked four more years as a clinical substance abuse counselor at the methadone clinic for Madison Health Services until May 2011.

Barbara was a loving, caring wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She enjoyed canning foods, baking bread, knitting and

crocheting and preparing large holiday meals for her family. She loved spending time with her family, especially her beloved great grandchildren. She was fond of all animals, specifically her cats Max, Lilly and Misty. She also loved the Milwaukee Brewers and rarely missed a game on television.

Barbara was a dedicated member of the Platteville Branch of the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the past 18 years. Both her and Don loved the church and embodied the principles that Christ taught. She was the Branch publicist for many years. She also loved to volunteer and serve members of the church, including young and old.

She is survived by husband Don Hilgenberg of Mineral Point; daughter Teresa (Steve) Lucey of Lancaster; stepson Elia (Vy) Hilgenberg of Seattle, WA; grandsons Jason Nihles (Lindsay Neal) of Lancaster, and Jonathan (Casey) Lucey of Lancaster; granddaughters Lacey Lucey (Kyle Van Lent) of Stewartville, Minn. and Heather (Jeremy) Harty of Lancaster; step-grandchildren Evan Hilgenberg and Violet Hilgenberg of Seattle, Wash.; seven great grandchildren, and sisters Kathy (Eldon) Richards of Montour, Iowa, Mary (Robert) White of Brooklyn, Iowa, Dorothy (Richard) Kaster of Bennett, Colo.

She is preceded in death by her mother Mardell Lewis and father Merrit Lewis of Belle Plaine, Iowa and her brother Charles Whited.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, 630 Ridge Ave., Platteville, WI. Stake President Devan Thompson will preside and conduct. Burial will be held in Graceland Cemetery in Mineral Point. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday at the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, 630 Ridge Ave., Platteville, WI.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jo Lewis*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Miss you already sister! Thanks for the years of our sister get togethers!!!*

Mary - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM



“ *Sister Lewis, you will be missed by many, you helped me feel at home when I began my mission. Your cooking was amazing and most of all your love and kindness shown to me was what I remember most. Rest in peace and I'll see you on the other side.*

Hunter bright - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM



“ *Sorry, to hear of Barb's passing. My sincere condolences. Tim G.*

Tim G (tall Tim) - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM



“ *Barb and I were friend thru our illness and shared a lot*

Barbara Bausch - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM



“ *Don I am so sorry to hear this and send prayers to you and yours and Barb's family.*

Sue Lathrop - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM

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“ *Barb was always so kind and encouraging to me and my young children. I loved stopping by to see her and Don in their beautiful home, where her cat Lily would always want to sit on my lap and Barb would tell me about what she had been reading and show me her garden. She taught the teenage girls at church how to knit and tried to teach me too. She had a heart of gold and was always eager to help someone else. We have been thinking of you so much these past few weeks, Don, and will keep you in our prayers.*

Amy Waterfall - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM