



Barbara Thelma Leitgeb

November 22, 1940 - June 2, 2014

Barbara Thelma Leitgeb, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Violet (Bath) Strouse, was born November 22, 1940 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where she grew up and graduated from high school in 1958.

Barbara met the love of her life, an Army soldier, William Donald Leitgeb. They were united in marriage in Hellertown, Pennsylvania on April 1, 1959. They shared over 55 years of marriage together and were blessed with three children: Mary, Pauline and Barbara.

Due to William being in the military, Barbara and the family moved several times and came to Fort Leonard Wood in 1970 where they decided to stay after William's retirement.

Barbara took great pride in helping to provide for her family and was a hardworking woman. She worked as a housekeeper in Fort Leonard Wood lodging, but for the most of her working years she was able to stay at home and take care of her family.

In her spare time, Barbara enjoyed being outdoors while working in her garden or watching birds. She was an avid Barbie Doll collector and was very talented when it came to handwork. She was able to crochet and knit and enjoyed sharing items with her friends and family. Barbara also liked to cook.

Most importantly, she treasured spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren.

Barbara passed away Monday, June 2, 2014 in the Mercy Hospital of Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 73 years, 6 months and 11 days. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory, her husband: William Leitgeb of the home; three children: Mary Ford of Waynesville, MO, Pauline Leitgeb of North Kansas City, MO and Barbara A. Pfeffer (Jim) of Omaha, NE; six grandchildren: Bill Sumrall (Bethany) of Kansas City, MO, Paula Sumrall of Waynesville, MO, Daniel Sumrall of Leawood, KS, and Victoria, Alexandra and Nicholas Pfeffer, all of Omaha, NE; one great grandchild: Brenya Sumrall; one sister: Alma Young (George) of the state of Pennsylvania; other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by a number of brothers and sisters.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Waynesville, MO 65583
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Tribute Wall



“ *I am the next door to from Pennsylvania. Her daughter Pauline, was named after my mother Pauline Minnig. Barbara and I were very close friends back then. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. My condolences to Bill and the girls. God Bless.*

Sandie Miller - September 28, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ *Barbara Thelma Leitgeb*

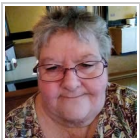
January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Sara Jones lit a candle in memory of Barbara Thelma Leitgeb*



Sara Jones - August 31, 2014 at 07:15 AM



“ *Bill, I'm so sorry to hear of Barb's passing, I'm sad that I missed her home going.*

Janice Howell - June 18, 2014 at 09:47 PM

LP

“ *Bill and family. Les and I send prayers to all of you. May God help you through this trying trying time.*
Les and Mary Pero



Les and Mary Pero - June 13, 2014 at 09:14 PM

BF

“ *Bill - So sorry to hear about Barb. The two of you were some of my favorites when I worked with you at lodging.*
Barbara Fogarty

Barbara A Fogarty - June 11, 2014 at 10:18 PM

JS

“ *Jerry And Sandy lit a candle in memory of Barbara Thelma Leitgeb*



Jerry and Sandy - June 10, 2014 at 02:46 PM

SJ

“ *SARA JONES sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Thelma Leitgeb*



SARA JONES - June 09, 2014 at 10:40 PM

MT

“ *Mary, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

Myra Thornsberry

Myra Thornsberry - June 09, 2014 at 07:31 AM

AP

“ *Bill, You know how much we love Barb. We have had so much fun laughing with her and eating big Pork Shanks at The Hub. We have only the best of memories of her. Too many to put in this small space. We love you and you know we will be here for you and the girls. God bless you and the family during this time and always. Dick and Anne*

Anne Pennington - June 06, 2014 at 02:21 PM

MS

“ *BARB, I'LL MISS YOU, YOUR SMILE
POSITIVE OUTLOOK AND WONDERFUL
LAUGH, BUT KNOW THAT YOU ARE
ENJOING HEAVEN WITH ALL ITS
REWARDS!
MY PRAYERS FOR BILL AND THE GIRLS AS
WELL AS THE REST OF YOUR LOVED ONES, ARE FOR PEACE
,STRENGTH AND COMFORT. REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND. MAY
GOD BLESS.
MARLIN [MARY] STEVENS
DOLL CLUB*



MARLIN STEVENS - June 06, 2014 at 10:06 AM

MP

“ Prayers for your Family and may God wrap you in his peace.

Michelle Porter

Michelle Porter - June 05, 2014 at 10:45 PM

RM

“ Ric & Cindi Melvin lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Thelma Leitgeb



Ric & Cindi Melvin - June 05, 2014 at 07:53 PM

PJ

“ Bill,
Barb was a delight to be with at Doll Club. She brought insight in her knowledge of different dolls and ensured with the help of Clois that our Christmas Doll each year was perfect. I liked to sit next to her and hear about her adventures of the last month. She has gone through so much and I watched as she seemed like she ran out of steam. Barb was a delight to be around and I will miss her smile and our little talks. Bill, please continue to come to Doll Club. Ms. Barb until we meet again, God Bless you and your family. Phyllis Jones



Phyllis Jones - June 05, 2014 at 03:06 PM

EC

“ Ernest & Marianne Cole lit a candle in memory of Barbara Thelma Leitgeb



ernest & Marianne Cole - June 05, 2014 at 08:09 AM

ER

Bill So sorry for your loss

ernest - June 05, 2014 at 08:09 AM

LS

“ Linda & Bob Schonbok lit a candle in memory of Barbara Thelma Leitgeb



Linda & Bob Schonbok - June 05, 2014 at 08:07 AM

LI

Sorry for your Loss!!!

Linda - June 05, 2014 at 08:08 AM

KC

“ Keith & Melissa Campbell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Thelma Leitgeb



Keith & Melissa Campbell - June 05, 2014 at 06:27 AM