



Barbara Joyce Dunaway

August 10, 1927 - June 29, 2025

Barbara Joyce Dunaway, 97 of Southfield Michigan passed away at Mission Point Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Clawson on June 29, 2025.

Barbara was a dedicated Christian, never wavering in her belief in the power of prayer, the promise of eternal life and one day being reunited with her loved ones in heaven.

Barbara was born in Detroit Michigan to the late Clay and Fern Dunaway on August 10, 1927 and was the oldest of 3 children. She spent most of her life in her cherished home in Southfield and is predeceased by her parents, brother Robert Joseph Dunaway and sister Nancy LaPine.

While she didn't have biological children, Barbara evolved to be the family matriarch providing consistent guidance and encouragement to three generations of nieces and nephews from their earliest years through adulthood including; Robert Earl Dunaway, Joseph Dunaway, John Dunaway, Dawn Werner (Patrick), Michael Dunaway (Lisa), Keagan Dunaway, Carlie Dunaway, Heidi Hannan Truba (David), Jack Hannan, Zoe Hannan, Kevin Dunaway, Elle Dunaway, Renee Schuett (Matt), Madison Schuett, Reece Schuett, Christy Carriero, Addison Perry (Joshua), Patrick LaPine (Kathy), Madison LaPine, Christopher Grafmiller, Mildred Grafmiller, Jeremy Grafmiller, Kristen Yamagata (Masaya), Emma Yamagata, Jeffrey Thomas (Christine), Jack Thomas, Ryan Thomas, Brittney Forgue (Kevin) and Karson Forgue. Family was her first passion and remained at the center of her life until the day she died. She opened her home to relatives in need several times over the

years and to those touched by this gesture, her generosity will never be forgotten.

She adored the Christmas season and spent countless hours (days) preparing her home for her favorite night of the year, Christmas Eve.

Having a meaningful professional life was Barbara's second passion. She launched a 73-year career in 1946 immediately after graduating from Edwin C. Denby High School in Detroit. Working in accounting and customer service brought her joy and a sense of purpose until her retirement at the age of 92. Her legacy lives on in the hearts she touched and in every act of kindness inspired by the unconditional love she so freely gave.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family and Friends Hour

JUL 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

JUL 12 (ET)

Grand Lawn Cemetery
23501 Grand River Avenue
Detroit, MI 48219

Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Barbara Joyce Dunaway*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 12, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Joyce Dunaway*



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“ *Christian Church for All Nations purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Joyce Dunaway.*



Christian Church for All Nations - July 12, 2025 at 09:10 AM

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“ Sending prayer & comfort to Barbara’s family. She was a dedicated co-worker and great to work with. Always concerned for others and willing to help! Her deep faith in the Lord kept her motivated. I miss our conversations when I would give her occasional rides home for work about how proud she was of her nephews & nieces. She looked forward to every Christmas when it was time to set up her village pieces and her family came to spend time for the holiday. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make her service but I think I will visit Barb at Grand Lawn from time to time as my family is there too, all resting in Jesus’s arms. Barbara holds a special place in my heart!



Deanna Kirby - July 11, 2025 at 12:42 PM

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“ Daisy Ireland & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Joyce Dunaway.



Daisy Ireland & Family - July 11, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Joyce Dunaway.

July 09, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Joyce Dunaway.*



July 09, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Joyce Dunaway.

July 09, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Joyce Dunaway.*



July 09, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Deanna L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Joyce Dunaway.*

Deanna L. - July 09, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Joyce Dunaway.

July 07, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Joyce Dunaway.



July 07, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ Betty Dickens Is Sending Prayers To The lit a candle in memory of Barbara Joyce Dunaway



Betty Dickens is sending prayers to the - July 06, 2025 at 08:49 PM



Thank you Betty! She adored you. Xoxo

Dawn Werner - July 08, 2025 at 06:51 PM