



## Barbara F. Olson

April 27, 1938 - February 14, 2023

Barbara F. Olson, 84, of Rensselaer, IN, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Monon, IN on April 27, 1938, the daughter of Paul D. and Mary (Goble) Cooley.

Barbara graduated from Francesville High School with the Class of 1956. She also attended business school. On September 1, 1957, she married the love of her life, Marvin Olson, who survives. Barbara and Marvin shared a wonderful sixty-five years together and both enjoyed wintering in Arcadia, Florida for thirty years. Barbara worked as a switchboard operator for the Lafayette Journal & Courier newspaper for a year, at Winamac Cleaners, and owned and managed True Value Hardware in Monon, IN, for several years. She was a farmer's wife, who helped on the farm, even operating all of the farm equipment. Barbara was a member of the Trinity United Methodist and taught children's ministries within the church. She was a member of the Milroy Home-Ec Club and loved gardening. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, quilting, traveling, and camping.

Barbara loved babies, all animals, and spending time outdoors. Above all, Barbara really enjoyed being with her family and was especially devoted to her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Barbara is survived by husband, Marvin; children, Cathy (Christopher) Grow of Crown Point, IN, Sherry (Michael) Staudt of Rensselaer, IN; grandchildren, Lindsey (Ryan) Preston, Katie Staudt, Chad Staudt, Tyler Hitchings, Justin (Kaylyn) Staudt; great-grandson, Anson.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Betty Wheeldon.

Friends may call on the family at Trinity United Methodist Church of Rensselaer on Friday, February 17, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT. A funeral service will be held immediately following at 12:00 PM CT at the church with Pastor Andy Martin officiating. Internment at Weston Cemetery, Rensselaer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church of Rensselaer or Southern Care Hospice of Lafayette.

# Cemetery Details

## Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5626

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
107 E. Angelica Street  
Rensselaer, IN

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
107 E. Angelica Street  
Rensselaer, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara F. Olson*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 16, 2023 at 12:47 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Ford lit a candle in memory of Barbara F. Olson*



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**Sharon Ford** - February 18, 2023 at 03:26 AM

LK

“ *So sorry to hear of Barbs passing. You have our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Larry and Judy Koebcke** - February 17, 2023 at 11:54 PM

JS

“ *A dear friend and will be missed by her Toby's family. Judy Seegers*

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**judy seegers** - February 17, 2023 at 11:44 AM

JH

“ *Classy lady with a beautiful smile. I am so sorry and send my sympathy to her friends and family.* ”



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**Janice HopkinsMalchow** - February 16, 2023 at 11:30 PM

JT

“ *Bill and Janet Tyner have wonderful memories of Barbara: Trip to Grand Cayman, Camping on the Ohio River, Eating her delicious blueberry desserts, attending pioneer village events, and viewing her gardens. We shall miss her charming manner and friendly disposition. Condolences to you all.* ”

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**Janet Tyner** - February 16, 2023 at 08:30 PM

SG

“ *Steve,Diana Gaines lit a candle in memory of Barbara F. Olson* ”



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**Steve,Diana Gaines** - February 16, 2023 at 07:34 PM



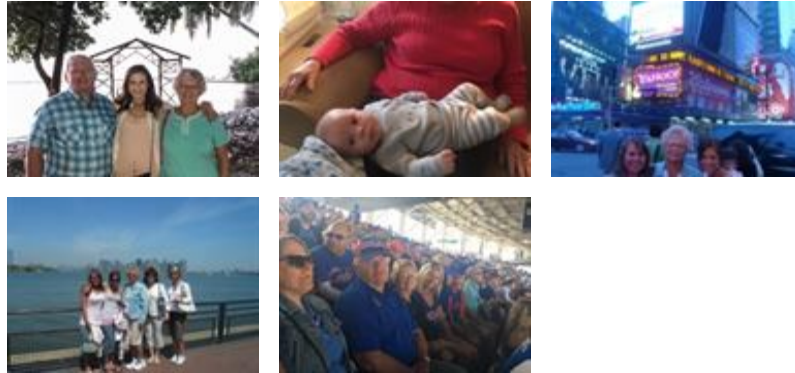
“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara F. Olson.* ”



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February 16, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 16, 2023 at 12:17 PM

DP

“ *Our love and condolences go out to Barbs family. Everyone who knew Barb have been blessed to have her in your life and will continue to be blessed by the memories of her relationship with each of us. She was an angel on earth. She will wait patiently to be reunited with those she loved.*

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**Deb Parmele** - February 16, 2023 at 09:12 AM

TC

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. Sorry for your loss.*

*Darlene "Tink" Cooley.*



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**Tink Cooley** - February 16, 2023 at 08:47 AM

VC

“ *Marvin, Cathy, Sherry, and Families:*

*Our sincere condolences to hear of Barb's passing. I will cherish the wonderful memories of her. She was a special person and she will always be near you.*

*We will not be able to attend services, but know our thoughts will be with your families. Blessings to all.*

*Jon & Vicki Canfield (Connolly)*

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**Vicki Canfield** - February 16, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Barbara F. Olson.*



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February 16, 2023 at 07:17 AM

TM

“ *Tammy & Matt Madson lit a candle in memory of Barbara F. Olson*



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**Tammy & Matt Madson** - February 15, 2023 at 08:46 PM

SW

“ *Stan & Jan Wright lit a candle in memory of Barbara F. Olson*



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**Stan & Jan Wright** - February 15, 2023 at 08:07 PM

SS

“ *Sharon Summer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara F. Olson.*



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**Sharon Summer** - February 15, 2023 at 01:58 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Barbara F. Olson*



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**Martha Langley** - February 15, 2023 at 10:59 AM

GB

“ *Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Barbara F. Olson*



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**Gloria Baier** - February 15, 2023 at 10:08 AM

GK

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Olson family. God Bless. George & Joan Kanne*



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**George & Joan Kanne** - February 15, 2023 at 09:49 AM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Barbara F. Olson*



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**Judy Burvan** - February 15, 2023 at 08:25 AM

AL

“ *May Barb's light keep glowing for eternity. You all are in my prayers. Angie Blackburn Lawrence*

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**Angie Blackburn Lawrence** - February 15, 2023 at 12:23 AM