



## Barbara Lynn Sowards

May 19, 1949 - November 2, 2025

Barbara Lynn Sowards, age 76, of Hebron, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, November 2, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on May 19, 1949, in Valparaiso, Indiana, Barbara was the daughter of Herbert and Eleanor (Hershman) Weimer. She graduated from Valparaiso High School and went on to earn her associate degree from Olivet Nazarene University. Barbara married the love of her life, Richard Sowards, who preceded her in death.

Barbara spent many years working for Walgreens, where she served as head of the cosmetics department. A devoted Christian, she lived her faith through service, creativity, and kindness. Following her retirement, she shared her passion for sewing as a talented seamstress and as the Porter County 4-H Sewing Superintendent. Barbara's hands were rarely still—she loved sewing, crafting, and crocheting, and her work brought beauty and warmth to those around her.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Donna (Tom) McCullough and Tammy (Steve) Drenner; grandchildren, Riley (Kyle) Robinson and Ian Drenner; and sister-in-law, Denise Weimer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard; brother,

Timothy Weimer; and son-in-law, Thomas McCullough.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Hebron Cemetery, with Pastor James Clark officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Porter County 4-H or to the family.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Services

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Hebron Cemetery  
700 W 900 S  
Hebron, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ I met Barb when she was helping Richard decorate the Patz's grocery store . The theme was cowboys. Barb had the place looking so cute! Her talent was quite obvious. She saved the day for me on a few occasions with her sewing talent. Barb was so soft spoken and sweet. It was a blessing to get to know her. I pray God will comfort her family.

Jackie Woodward - November 08, 2025 at 01:31 AM



“ "God Has You" 21" Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Barbara Lynn Sowards.



November 04, 2025 at 01:42 AM



“ The Sirk Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Lynn Sowards.

The Sirk Family - November 04, 2025 at 01:42 AM



“ The Box Family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Lynn Sowards.



The Box Family - November 03, 2025 at 09:11 PM

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“ The Box Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Lynn Sowards.

The Box Family - November 03, 2025 at 09:11 PM

LM

“ Love Aunt Beth and Uncle Michael purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara Lynn Sowards.



Love Aunt Beth and Uncle Michael - November 03, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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BF

“ Bryan & Vikki Robinson and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Lynn Sowards.



Bryan & Vikki Robinson and family - November 03, 2025 at 03:08 PM

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KM

“ I am so sad and sorry to hear of Barbs passing. My heart goes out to Tammy & Donna and the rest of the family. Barb was a soft spoken Aunt who always made me feel good because of her kindness while I was growing up on the farm. She was also very talented when it came to crafts and sewing. She will be missed tremendously but I know she is now in Heaven with Richard who I'm sure she has dearly missed.

Kathy Michael - November 03, 2025 at 12:58 PM

PW

I am so sorry to hear of Barbs passing. My heart goes out to Donna and Tammy and the rest of her family. She was such a wonderful sweet person! I will miss her. She is now with Richard in heaven ! Rest in peace Barb .

Phyllis Wietbrock - November 03, 2025 at 01:49 PM