



Barbara Ann (Bigalke) Hendricks, age 87 of Manistee, MI, passed away peacefully in hospice care on April 8, 2022 with family by her side after suffering a stroke.

She was born on July 12, 1934 in Muskegon, MI, daughter of the late Harry and Blanche (Kolanowski) Bigalke. Barbara was the fourth child of seven children. The family moved to Manistee when she was five years old. Barb often shared many memories of growing up on the farm on Preuss Road. After attending Filer City School from kindergarten through fifth grade, she attended St. Joseph Grade School and High School from sixth through twelfth grade and graduated in 1952. During high school Barb helped raise her younger siblings after both parents passed away. She also worked various jobs during this time at Newberry's, the old Manistee Mercy

Community Hospital and in the garment factory at the Glen of Michigan. After high school graduation, Barbara attended Muskegon Beauty College and graduated June, 1953. She returned to Manistee to work as a beautician on Division St. and had the opportunity to purchase an established beauty shop on River St. Her sister Betty who had also become a beautician joined her to run the shop.

In 1957, while attending her brother Jim's wedding in Detroit, Barb met her future husband and love of her life Stanley John Hendricks. They married in 1960 in Manistee and moved to Detroit for two years while Stan started his dental practice. Barb's sister Betty ran the beauty shop in Manistee from 1960 forward. Stan had the opportunity to take on Jim's dental practice in 1962 so they relocated back to Manistee where they raised four children. Barb was a devoted stay home mother. She eventually returned to work as a beautician at the Manistee Heights Nursing Care Center for many years and as an in-home beautician for seniors. Barb volunteered often at her children's school Manistee Catholic Central and at church. She was a very faithful and devoted parishioner of Divine Mercy Parish and was an active member of the Catholic Daughters of America. She was very close with her siblings and loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, friends and countless relatives. Barb was an awesome cook and enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and praying.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Stanley and siblings: Robert, James and infant brother.

She is survived by her children: Gretchen (Patrick) Rose of Grand Haven, Mary (Dennis) Beauregard of Canton, Suzanne (Randall) Schultz of Traverse City and John (Christina) Hendricks of Ludington. She is also survived by siblings: Elizabeth "Betty" Popa, Sandra (Ed) Mazeika, Thomas (Barbara) Bigalke, and sister-in-law Lois Bigalke. Barb is also survived by grandchildren: Nicholas (Brooke) Rose, Sarah (Zachary) Snyder, Nathan (Alaina) Rose, Lauren Beauregard, Eric Beauregard, Troy (Melanie) Schultz, Taylor Schultz, Ally (Paul) Schultz, Austin Schultz, Kaylie Wells, Cooper Hendricks, Brady Hendricks, and great-grandchildren Alexis and Bonnie Snyder. Several cousins, nieces and nephews survive her as well.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 11:30 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Basil Lek celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

The family will receive friends and relatives at the church one hour prior to the funeral Mass. Memorial have been established in Barbara's name for Divine Mercy Parish. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and also at the church on Friday morning.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.