



## Barbara Jean Bartels

August 22, 1947 - December 3, 2025

Barbara J. Bartels, 78, of Hamler, Ohio, passed away on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, in Defiance, Ohio. She was born on August 22, 1947, in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Arnold and Emelia (Haase) Bartels.

Barb was a faithful member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church of Hamler. She would often be found helping with various tasks around the church and preparing funeral luncheons. She has spent most of her life cleaning homes, babysitting and caring for children. She thoroughly enjoyed attending garage sales and estate sales to collect various nick-nacks for her home.

She is survived by her many nieces and nephews, Daniel (Janel) Witte, Julie (Sam) Bok, Tim (Molly) Wiemken, Tom (Pam) Wiemken, Dennis Wiemken, Dean (Sharon) Wiemken; niece-in-law, Julie Wiemken; great-nieces and nephews, Mckenna, Madalyn and Marissa Witte, Andy and Wendy Bok, Tyler and Trent Wiemken, Leah Mattoon, Logan Wiemken, Josh and Rylee Wiemken, Ross Wiemken, Michala Reiser, and Rachel Coolidge, Ryan Wiemken and Austin Wiemken. In addition to her parents, Barb is preceded in death by her sisters Carol Witte and Jeanette Wiemken; special friend, Harold Kreinbrink; nephew, David Wiemken; and niece-in-law, Anita Wiemken.

Services for Barb will be held on Friday, December 12, 2025, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Hamler, at 12pm noon. A time of visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 10am until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed towards St. Stephen Lutheran Church. Online condolences may also be left for the family at [www.rodembergergray.com](http://www.rodembergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hope - St. Stephens Lutheran Cemetery

Hamler, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Stephen Lutheran Church  
435 2nd St  
Hamler, OH 43524  
(419) 274-2611

## Funeral Service

DEC 12. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Stephen Lutheran Church  
Hamler, OH

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Slusher, Russell, & Rutledge Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Bartels.*

Slusher, Russell, & Rutledge Families - December 09, 2025 at 10:34 AM

SF

“ *Slusher, Russell, & Rutledge Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barbara Jean Bartels.*



Slusher, Russell, & Rutledge Families - December 09, 2025 at 10:34 AM

SN

“ *Snyder/Meyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jean Bartels.*

Snyder/Meyer - December 08, 2025 at 10:34 PM

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“ *Snyder/Meyer purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Barbara Jean Bartels.*



Snyder/Meyer - December 08, 2025 at 10:34 PM

KC

“ *Words cannot express my sorrow. Barb was a part of my life since I was little. She was a wonderful person who will be missed. I know she is happy to be with her family again.*

Kris Knapke Campbell - December 06, 2025 at 01:17 PM

KC

“ *Kris Knapke Campbell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Bartels*



Kris Knapke Campbell - December 06, 2025 at 01:13 PM

KL

“ *Barb was a babysitter of mine and was so wonderful to have around. She was a kind and giving person. Sympathy to the whole family for their loss.* ”



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**Kathleen Lieb** - December 05, 2025 at 07:44 AM