



Barbara E. Grant

August 16, 1946 - February 4, 2017

Private funeral services will be held for Barbara Ellen VanKirk Grant, 70, of Deshler, who died peacefully at 9:25 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 at the Oak Grove Healthcare Center, Deshler.

She was born Aug. 16, 1946, in Steubenville, the oldest child of George Martin and Margaret Ellen (Cassidy) VanKirk. She married Chalmer Samuel Grant Jr., and they divorced.

Surviving are her daughters, Denise Ellen Grant Montgomery, with her sons, Robert Mark Montgomery II and Michael Grant Montgomery; Chris Diane Grant Martin, her husband, Benjamin Charles Martin, and their daughter, Freya Abigail Martin; and Amanda Eileen Grant, all of Deshler. She is also survived by a brother, Robert VanKirk, and his wife, Kathy, of Martins Ferry; a sister, Karen VanKirk, of Brilliant; and three nieces.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Charlotte J. Forst.

Barbara was a 1964 graduate of Steubenville High School. She was a recipient of the Curved Bar, which was the highest honor awarded by the Girl Scouts of America, and was pinned as the grandmother of an Eagle Scout, by her grandson, Robert, on Sept. 13, 2017. She took great pride in her grandchildren, and was an active source of love and encouragement for each of them.

She was a member of New Beginnings United Methodist Church, Deshler.

A crafter and a wreath maker, Barbara operated two small businesses during her lifetime: B&C Concessions and Crafty Creations.

She will be best remembered for her great sense of humor, her outrageous laughter and her fierce love of family.

Graveside services will also be held for her extended family and friends at 11 a.m. Friday at Fort Steuben Burial Estates, Wintersville.

Memorials may be made to a children's or veterans' charity, which she always gave to generously.

Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler, has been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com.

We love you, Mom. Miss you, always.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever," Psalms 23:6

Tribute Wall

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“ *Denise, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I will keep you, Chris, Amanda and your families in my thoughts and prayers.*

Cindy Stuck - February 11, 2017 at 06:33 PM

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“ *Barbara your beauty, fire and comedy will stay in our hearts. You will be missed on this earthly plain, but we are grateful you are free and with The Lord. Thank you so, so very much for my Best Friend and your Beautiful Family, I see you, in them, and I am very grateful to have known you.*

Evy Taylor - February 09, 2017 at 01:10 PM

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“ *aunt barb was a nut,,I loved her laugh n humor,,she could make a clown laugh I swear..such a wonderful mother,grandmother and friend,,how awesome n lucky her children were to have her as a best friend also..such a loss to this world but she's with her love now and her bestie so now the may cause havoc together again...love you girls*

Tonya grant - February 09, 2017 at 10:34 AM

PA

“ *Denise,
So sorry for the loss of your mother. My condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Paula Alessi

Paula Alessi - February 08, 2017 at 10:16 PM

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“ To Barbara's family,
You have my deepest condolences. I didn't know Barbara very long but she certainly left an indelible impression on me. The few times that I was at her home, there was no shortage of laughter. She was one of those people that I'd call a friend rather than a client. If you need any help from me, you have my number. I'll be glad to do whatever I can. Again my deepest sympathy.
Darren Schimmoeller

Darren Schimmoeller - February 08, 2017 at 09:05 PM