

Barbara Joan Wochholz **5-26-1931 to 6-14-2020**

Barbara Joan Wochholz, 89, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 14th, 2020, at Heritage Health Normal under Hospice care. She was cremated. At this time with COVID restrictions there will not be any physical celebration of life.

Barbara was born May 26th, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan to Edwin Oswald Schaible and Josephine Adelaide Schaible. She graduated from Albion High School, Albion MI, class of 1949. She married Robert Fredrick Wochholz Dec 23rd, 1950 in Albion MI.



Surviving are her children, Michael (Debby) Wochholz, Clermont, FL; Jennifer (Mike) Miller, Lo de Marcos, Nayarit, Mexico; Rick Wochholz, Bloomington, IL. Grandsons; Bradley (Kim) Wochholz, Winter Garden FL; Beren (Ashlee) Wochholz, Bloomington, IL. 2 great grandchildren, Reese and Zoe. 3 nephews, and 2 nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Fredrick Wochholz, 2 sons, Robert Preston Wochholz, and Douglas Scott Wochholz. Her brother, Richard (Dick) Schaible; 2 sisters, Elizabeth (Bette) Biggs, and Suzanne Schaible.

She was a stay at home mom, busy raising her 5 children until her husband's death in 1976. She was a past president of the Bloomington/Normal Newcomers, and the Brokaw Service League. She was an active performer in the Brokaw Follies. She worked at the Color Wheel, Portable Elevator, B104-FM, and at Hammitt Elementary School / Baby Fold for 20+ years when she retired at age 85 in 2017. Barbara always said she greatly enjoyed being around all the children at Hammitt Elementary School, and that is why she continued to work there for as long as she did. She left a lifelong and lasting impression on all those who's life's she touched in her many years working there. She was chairwoman of many committees for the baby Fold's Festival of Trees. She wrote and published a series of children's books, "The Bandana Bears." She traveled to the mountains of Northern California regularly to spend Thanksgiving with her daughter Jennifer and husband Mike. She traveled to Europe several times with her close and lifelong friend Gary Grimes. She delighted in visits from her 2 great granddaughters immensely. She was a longtime member of the Unitarian Church.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Heritage Heath Normal, and especially the OSF Hospice team for their compassionate care.