



## Barbara J. Bowman

April 3, 1938 - December 22, 2024

Barbara Jo Bowman (Thomson) 86, of Bluffton, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 22, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister.

Barbara was born in Wabash, IN on April 3, 1938 to Dale Orville and Isabelle Clare Thomson. She attended Wabash High School. Barbara was known for her love, laughter, and resilience. Barbara married the love of her life, Douglas Bowman, on January 10, 1975. They shared 45 years of happiness together. Barbara's greatest joys in life were spending time with family, gardening, and shopping for hidden treasures.

Barbara found great joy working at Honeywell/MarcHon in Wabash and PHD in Huntington/Ft Wayne. After retirement, Barbara spent her time volunteering at the Bargain Hut in Bluffton and wintering in Lake Placid, FL. She was a member of Sonlight Wesleyan Church in Bluffton, IN.

Barbara is survived by her six children: Sam (Luanne) George of Lenexa, KS; Dana George Holmes (Tony) of Wabash, IN; Laurie George White (Kenny) of Bluffton, IN; Angie George Welter (Jack) of Elkhart, IN; Jennifer Bowman of Mishawaka, IN and Megan Bowman Alberding (Chris) of Decatur, IN. Also surviving are her brothers David (Argyleen) Thomson of Wabash, IN and George (Connie) Thomson of Amboy, IN, along with 18 grandchildren and 26

great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Bowman, her parents, Dale and Isabelle Thomson (Brown), her sister, MaryAnn (Don) Hapner and brother Dale, a.k.a Whitey, (Marge) Thomson.

A celebration of life is to take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bargain Hut in Bluffton, Indiana. Friends can send online condolences to the Bowman family at [www.thomarrich.com](http://www.thomarrich.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Megan we are so sorry to hear you lost your Mom. She was such a nice lady. Jerry and Sharon Norman

Sharon Norman - February 20, 2025 at 03:01 PM

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“ I have so many great memories of Barb from my teen years and after. She & Doug welcomed me into their home like an extra member of their family, and I can still hear her wonderful laugh. I'll never forget when she took me to my first concert (Neil Diamond) with Laurie & Dana, my first trip to Steak & Shake, and the loads of laughs when she was around! She overlooked my many flaws and loved me through some tough years. She will be missed, but I'm glad she & Doug are together again, and I look forward to our reunion in heaven someday. I'm praying for the family. Rest in peace, Barb.

Delora "Scotty" Hartsock - February 20, 2025 at 12:28 PM

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“ Barbara was always a joy to work with. She was so sweet and always wore that beautiful smile. Praying for the family.

Laura Sills - February 20, 2025 at 08:41 AM

BC

“ Sorry for your loss of Barbara! Our Prayers are with all of you and your Family during this loss! 🙏🙏🙏🙏 May our Heavenly Father give u all Peace, Grace, and Comfort as you all Grieve for her! God Bless the Bowman Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️



Barty Crosbie - December 29, 2024 at 04:55 PM

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“ *When ever we would leave her house, she would always say watch for deer! Always every time!*

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**Laurie White, daughter** - December 27, 2024 at 09:26 PM