



## Barbara J French

October 7, 1940 - August 25, 2018

Barbara J. French, 77, who resided in Wells County, died peacefully Saturday afternoon August 25 at Markle Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born on October 7, 1940 in Bluffton Indiana to George E. Miller and Leona L. (Keller) Miller. Barbara grew up and spent her early years in Bluffton, where she graduated from Bluffton High School in 1958. In 1959, Barbara married C. Thomas French. They were divorced after 23 years. She was preceded in death by her father, mother, and a sister Phyllis Jean (Miller) Bailer.

Barbara retired to Lancaster Senior Apartments in Bluffton Indiana in 2005, and then moved to Markle Health and Rehabilitation in 2015. She had been a Store Manager at Women's World (Fort Wayne, IN) and a Manager at Capri Meadows Apartments (Bluffton, IN). She was also a member of the First Baptist Church (Bluffton, IN).

Surviving are sons, Michael A. French (wife Rachel), Douglas B. French (wife Lynn); daughter, Angela A. (French) Moreau (husband Paul); and six grandchildren, Falon M. French, Douglas C. French, Cassandra E. Moreau, Joshua P. Moreau, Alisha L. Moreau, and Thomas T. French.

Services will be at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday (August 29,2018) at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home with Pastor Les Cantrell officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Calling hours will take place prior to the service from 10 AM to 12 Noon on Wednesday. Memorials may be made in Barbara's memory to the First Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara J French*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - August 29, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ *Barbara J French*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Barbara and I did Beginning Experience together in 1989. I had known her a few years before that. We went thru our divorces together. She always had a smile on her face and would lift my spirits. We had so many happy times together. I will always miss her. She was so proud of her kids and grandkids just as I am. God bless you all. Hugs, Irene Osborn*

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**Irene Osborn** - October 08, 2018 at 06:53 PM



“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Angie (French) Moreau** - August 28, 2018 at 12:12 PM

PM

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Paul Moreau - August 27, 2018 at 08:27 PM

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“ Remembering Barbara as my friend at Woman's World in Ft Wayne so many years ago. We would always talk about Bluffton and shared memories--she always provided great customer service, also, always going the extra mile for a customer! Sweet memories. My condolences to the family. Carol Higgins

Carol J Higgins - August 27, 2018 at 02:06 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Paul Moreau - August 26, 2018 at 09:13 PM

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*I love this photo. This is the Barb I knew and loved.*

Suzanne Markley - August 27, 2018 at 07:47 AM

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*I loved her bear hugs... won't ever forget how comforting they felt.*

Sherry Miller - August 27, 2018 at 07:25 PM

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*My very special friend of 73 years. Barbie, I already miss you.*

Melanie Gilbert Shady - August 27, 2018 at 08:57 PM