



Barbara Joan Cotton Erick

March 10, 1963 - October 16, 2014

Barbara Joan (Cotton) Erick 51 of Bluffton passed away at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, October 16, 2014 at her residence in Bluffton.

She was born on March 10, 1963 in Bluffton to Kay & Kathy (Birum) Cotton. She was a 1981 graduate of Bluffton High School and a 1984 graduate of Indiana University.

On April 19, 2001, Barbara married Lance Erick. He survives in Bluffton along with sisters Mrs. Rick (Susan) Campbell of Bluffton, Ms. Diana Kauffman of Fort Wayne, along with a niece Mrs. Greg (Stacy) Lehman of Bluffton and two nephews; Mr. Andrew (Tess) Campbell of Bluffton and Mr. Matthew (fiancé Ashlie Holsinger) Campbell of Fort Wayne.

She is preceded in death by both of her parents.

Family and laughter were an important part of Barbara's life. We ask that in her memory, you spend time laughing with those that you love. Memorials may be made in her memory to the Steve Kelly Cancer Relief Foundation and should be sent to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home 308 W. Washington St.

Bluffton, Indiana 46714. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Joan Cotton Erick*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Oh Angel. Today is our Anniversary! I have been in Love with You, and on a Honeymoon with You for 16 Years today. I wish we were going vacation somewhere. I wish I could just you. Angel, I Love You!*

Lance - April 19, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *My Darling Angel, I Love and Adore You.*

Lance - April 04, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *My Angel. I can't do this any more. Being without you is too hard. Please Help Me! Please wait for me! Please! I Love You! Lance*

Lance - February 10, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *Oh Angel... It is another Christmas without you. I don't want to be here. I want more then anything to be with you, and for us to spend eternity together. You are My ANGEL!*

Lance - December 22, 2016 at 03:31 PM

LA

“ Angel! You are and will always be the Love of My Life! I miss you so very much! I prayer you are in Heaven with your Loved Ones. Please Help Me!

Lance - October 27, 2016 at 11:29 AM

LA

“ Angel. Please help me. Please help me. This is so hard with out You!

Lance - September 19, 2016 at 03:54 PM

LA

“ Hi My Angel, I Love You. The pain of your being gone hurts just has much today, as the day I lost you. I am so looking forward to seeing you again. I Pray everyday that it is soon! Lance

Lance - August 24, 2016 at 09:52 AM

LA

“ My Angel. I Love and Miss You so very very much. Please Help Me. Lance

Lance - June 27, 2016 at 07:55 AM

LA

“ Happy Anniversary, My Angel. I Love You

Lance - April 19, 2016 at 02:11 PM

LE

“ Angel. You are so Beautiful! Our Wedding Vows are now reversed. My Joys are halved and my sorrows are doubled, since you have been gone. Words can't describe how much I miss you, Everyday! Please wait for me! I Love You.

Lance Erick - March 08, 2016 at 01:38 PM

LA

“ You are the Girl of my Dreams! I Love You more Today, then the Day I met You!

Lance - January 18, 2016 at 08:23 AM

LA

“ Why did the Lord take you away? I Miss You so much, I still Love You More. No, We Love each other equally. You are and will forever be My Angel.

Lance - November 04, 2015 at 11:28 AM

LA

“ You are my Sunshine, My only Sunshine. You'll never know Dear, how much I Love You. So, Please don't take my Sunshine away.

Lance - September 24, 2015 at 09:04 AM

LA

“ Please wait for me, My Angel.

Lance - July 23, 2015 at 02:29 PM

LA

“ Angel I miss you so much!

Lance - May 01, 2015 at 07:28 AM

LE

“ *I Love and Miss My Angel, more then words could ever express.
Lance*

Lance Erick - January 26, 2015 at 12:24 PM

CH

“ *Oh the time we shared as neighbors and school. God be with the entire family during these trying times. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you*



cami schorey hanlon - October 24, 2014 at 11:23 AM

BB

“ *Beth Harsh Bates lit a candle in memory of Barbara Joan Cotton Erick*



Beth Harsh Bates - October 22, 2014 at 06:15 PM

TM

“ *Sending prayers for all of you, may god comfort you in this time of sorrow.*

Terry Terhune Miller - October 21, 2014 at 01:13 PM

JA

“ My heart goes out to you Lance on your loss. BJ was such a special friend to me and even though there was a distance factor, I could pick up the phone and it was like yesterday when we talked. She was filled with laughter, joy, caring and giving to the fullest. You knew you were going to have a stomach ache from laughing after phone calls - she was such a hoot. We had way too much fun when I lived in Bluffton for a short time, but the bond was formed. Prayers to you and the family.

Jane Dodge

Jane - October 21, 2014 at 11:52 AM

JT

“ *Julia Tobias lit a candle in memory of Barbara Joan Cotton Erick*



Julia Tobias - October 20, 2014 at 07:17 PM

AM

“ *DIANA, SUSAN AND FAMILY- SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF BJ. YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.*



AMY (SAWYER) NEWNUM AND JAIDEN

AMY - October 20, 2014 at 02:55 PM

DT

“ *Barb worked for us several years. She was not only very smart she was just fun to be around. She was a hard worker and career oriented. She fit in very well and stood her ground against anyone. So very sorry to here about her passing. She will be missed , and is in our thoughts and prayers. Dee Trier , partner in Trier Ford Chrysler.*

Dee Trier - October 20, 2014 at 11:49 AM

TE

“ *Barbara was a sweet person and a gentile soul . Thoughts and prayers*

Ted Erick - October 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM

CP

“ *Cindy Stidham Petty lit a candle in memory of Barbara Joan Cotton Erick*



Cindy Stidham Petty - October 20, 2014 at 09:27 AM

AF

“ *Prayers to you during this difficult time. Angie Fulk- former Tower Bank friend*

Angie Fulk - October 19, 2014 at 10:31 AM

CM

“ Dear Lance, You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so glad Barbara was able to get out and work in her yard a little this summer. She shared how much she enjoyed that. She stayed positive through this trial which is a great testament to her spirit. Remember we are here for you if you need anything. Chuck and Cathy Millen

Cathy Millen - October 19, 2014 at 04:52 AM

TA

“ Diana and family- my deepest sympathies on the loss of your sisters. May the laughter of memories bring peace to you all.

Tonya Aerts - October 18, 2014 at 05:52 PM

MM

“ Diana and family--Wanted you to know I am thinking of you.



Mindy Monticue - October 18, 2014 at 05:49 PM

IW

“ Our prayers are with the family -- Lance, Susan & Rick, and Diane as they mourn through this difficult time and heal. The most difficult time has really been the last 11 months. . . . Barbara is now released and with her Heavenly Father who gave her the time to laugh, love, and share with us. We are eternally grateful for the happy times she has shared with us.



Love always,
Irene Woods and Bill Hoffmann

Irene Woods - October 18, 2014 at 02:00 PM

KG

“ Barbara was a high school classmate and she truly was a "laugher". Although we lost touch in the years since, I'm very saddened by her passing. She is remembered with love. Condolences to her entire family.

Karen (Harty) Garay - October 18, 2014 at 01:31 PM

MJ

“BJ was an integral part of a group of friends including myself that spent time together from 1995 until the early 2000s... She ALWAYS made me laugh and introduced me to Pee Wee's Big Adventure movie... We laughed our butts off especially at Large Marge (the rough woman truck driver) and the signature 'I know you are but what am I' phrase. I always have and always will think of Barbara when I see, think or hear of Pee Wee Herman... Our time together are memories I will cherish for a lifetime...

Although I never met her husband Lance, he HAD to have loved to laugh as she was so full of life. I was fortunate enough to speak with BJ on the phone this summer when she was getting better... I am so very grateful for that opportunity... My very deepest condolences to Lance and her family... I will forever miss her... :(~Mark Jones Asheville, NC

Mark Jones - October 18, 2014 at 01:31 PM

KB

“Sincere sympathy & understanding to Lance & all the Cotton Families. She will forever be remembered in our hearts.
Luv, the Bill Birum Family



Kay Birum-Florida - October 18, 2014 at 12:14 AM

AI

“I do not know where the time went, but I remember the time you girls spent at my house and all the good times we had, Sue call me

Alberta R. Ilnicki - October 17, 2014 at 07:41 PM

MH

“ *May the happy memories you have of Barbara carry you all through this difficult time. I am so privileged to have known and worked with such a dear friend. Barbara will truly be missed. Michele Herald*

Michele Herald - October 17, 2014 at 07:26 PM

CM

“ *Thoughts and prayers for you and your family during this time....Chris and Ken Mast*



Christine Mast - October 17, 2014 at 09:07 AM



Thinking of BJ and her family. May the memories and laughter soften the sadness during this difficult time. Love and hugs, Mary Ann Tippett

Mary Ann Tippett - October 18, 2014 at 03:55 PM