



## Barbara Eileen Trubey

June 7, 1926 - December 18, 2021

Barbara Eileen (Johnson) Trubey, 95 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Barbara was born on June 7, 1926 in Marion, Indiana to Dr. Garold L. and Lois I. (Trostle) Johnson. She graduated from Bluffton High School in 1944.

On February 15, 1947 in Bluffton, Barbara and Dr. C. William Trubey were married. Together they shared 54 years of marriage, until his passing in 2001.

Barbara had a beautiful singing voice and sang in the Jay Gould's Children's Choir and later had her own program on WOWO as Bobbie Blaine the Voice of Fort Wayne, singing top 100 hits. She also performed in USO shows, Tri Kappa Red Stocking Follies and Wells Community Theater productions of the Music Man, Oklahoma, Sound of Music, and Guys and Dolls. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton and sang in the choir. She was a long time member of the Bluffton Lions Club and was a past president.

Barbara served on several eye missions with her husband, Dr. Bill Trubey, with VOSH in Honduras, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic. Barbara also worked with her husband in his Optometry practice. In her later years, Barbara enjoyed reading and was co-owner and proprietor of Robin's Nest Furniture in Bluffton.

Survivors include her children: Steven K. Trubey of Geneva, Robin (Jack) Thornburgh of Bluffton, Gordon M. Trubey of Brooklyn, NY and Elizabeth E. Trubey of Bluffton, two grandsons: Benjamin (Carrie) Thornburgh of Warsaw and Daniel (Christen Gottschlich) Thornburgh of Sunnyvale, CA and two

great-grandchildren: William and Eilene Thornburgh of Warsaw.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bill, a son Charles W. Trubey, Jr. and a daughter-in-law Janet S. Trubey.

Public graveside services will be held Monday, December 27, 2021 at 2:00pm with Pastor Lyle Ewing officiating at Elm Grove Cemetery. Masks are preferred.

Memorials may be made in Barbara's name to Leaderdogs for the Blind or to the Bluffton Lion's Club.

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

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Eileen Trubey*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *A very special lady! God bless your family as you mourn the loss of your "Barbara"*

*Christine and Dan Hunt*



**Christine and Dan Hunt** - January 13, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Wonderful Lady! Class act at all times. Beautiful singer and family life-long friends. We grew up together and your folks are legends in our lives. 65 years is a long time. Rejoice in a wonderful life. Love Ric & Bev Geist*

**Ric Geist** - December 27, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ *Dearest Trubey's. Now that your Mom is in heaven with your Dad (and my Uncle)- Aunt Barb is singing her heart out and playing catch with her dearest husband. I have some faint, but lovely memories of your mom and dad, esp when they visited your uncle Gaylord in Simi, Ca. We lost our mom, Rose, back in 2002- and so we know a little of your sadness- but what kept us going is know our dearest Mothers are in God's hands now. May your memories last for eternity. With love, sadness and joy, your cousin Bill Trubey, Grand Junction, CO.*

**Bill Trubey** - December 22, 2021 at 06:50 PM

BC

“ So very Sorry Steven, Robin, Gordy and Beth in the loss of your Mother! Prayers for the family! 🙏 God Comfort u all at this time! Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - December 21, 2021 at 09:24 PM

Nancy Halstead

“ Wishing the Trubey family sincere condolences on your loss. What a legacy for your family!  
The Children of Robert & Jane Reusser:  
Nancy Halstead, Carol Foltz, Donna Penrod,  
John, Tim, Dave and Brian Reusset



Nancy Halstead - December 21, 2021 at 02:48 AM

Nancy Halstead

“ Nancy Halstead lit a candle in memory of Barbara Eileen Trubey



Nancy Halstead - December 21, 2021 at 02:40 AM