



Katherine LaVerne Barnhart

November 26, 1937 - December 6, 2014

Katherine LaVerne Barnhart, 77 of Bluffton passed away at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2014 surrounded by her loving family at her home in Bluffton.

Mrs. Barnhart was born Nov. 26, 1937 in Tapiola, Michigan to Signe and John Junttonen. She was raised in Houghton in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and was very proud to be a Yooper. She was a 1955 graduate of Houghton High School. She married David Frank Barnhart on June 18, 1960.

Mrs. Barnhart held various positions in the secretarial field. They included Michigan Technological University and the Michigan State Highway Department. She also had an Associate Realtors license in Michigan. Locally, she was employed at Caylor Nickel Clinic and also was the Wells County Coordinator for the American Red Cross.

Kathy enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling, shopping, gardening, playing cards, dancing and watching football and basketball games. She was an avid Michigan fan. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include her husband David Barnhart of Bluffton, Ind. , son Todd (Laura) Barnhart of Highland, Michigan, daughters Shari (Steve) Person of

East Lansing, Michigan and Julie (David) Certain of New Port Richey, Florida; six grandchildren, three great grandchildren; brothers, Benjamin Junttonen of Newport, Michigan and James Junttonen of Houghton, Michigan; sisters, Evelyn Borchert (Charles) of Surprise, Arizona, Diane (Bill) Ewart of Crystal Lake, Illinois and sixteen nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Wesley Junttonen and Jack Junttonen and two sisters, Lynn Becklund and Julie Simons.

A Memorial Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. (December 10, 2014) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Steve Bard will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – prior to the service. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Family Life Care (Hospice) or Boys and Girl Club in Bluffton through the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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

Service

DEC 10. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine LaVerne Barnhart*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *She was the one who said "She's a keeper!" to Randy. Now, 24 years later, we remember her with deep love and gratitude.*

Judy and Randy - December 29, 2014 at 06:35 PM



“ *Judy lit a candle in memory of Katherine LaVerne Barnhart*



Judy - December 29, 2014 at 06:33 PM



In memory of Aunt LaVerne as we reflect upon 2014.

Judy - December 29, 2014 at 06:34 PM



“ *She was the one who told Randy, the first time I met any of the Junttonens, "She's a keeper!" So, 24 years later, we remember her with love and gratitude. Judy and Randy*

Judy - December 29, 2014 at 06:31 PM



“ *Silver Season Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine LaVerne Barnhart.*



December 10, 2014 at 08:49 AM



“ *Dave and family, I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Kathy. I haven't seen any of you in so long yet think of you often and cherish memories of when we were all much younger! My mom, Barb, passed away in 2007 and my dad, Ace, just in 2013 so my heart goes out to all of you during this difficult time. I send you all lots of love and prayers and from my brothers, Dino and Michael also. We were all just talking about all of you not long ago. I see Jim every so often up here in Houghton. Sympathies to all of you....*

Cathy Lucchesi-Gedda - December 09, 2014 at 05:43 PM



“ *Roger purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Katherine LaVerne Barnhart.*



Roger - December 09, 2014 at 11:18 AM

DP

“ *Dan & Peg Paxson lit a candle in memory of Katherine LaVerne Barnhart*



Dan & Peg Paxson - December 09, 2014 at 08:33 AM

AB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Kathy's passing away. I was able to share a couple of Thanksgivings and Christmas holidays and some shopping with her as well. Thanks for your love Kathy. Papa Dave, my thoughts are with you and your family. Love you*

Ana Bribiesca - December 08, 2014 at 11:14 PM

RJ

“ *Uncle Dave and family,*

So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful good person. We love her a lot and will miss her. Our memories of your trip last year mean so much.

Glenn and Rhoda Junttonen

Rhoda Junttonen - December 08, 2014 at 09:19 PM

GW

“ *Gordon W. purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Katherine LaVerne Barnhart.*



Gordon W. - December 08, 2014 at 07:23 PM

TJ

“ Dave, I am sorry to hear about the loss of Kathy. I remember your visits to our home when I was growing up. My sympathies go to you and all the family.--Terry Junttonen

Terry Junttonen - December 07, 2014 at 08:13 PM

CO

“ Dave, I was so sorry to hear about Kathy's passing. My thoughts and prayers will be with you. Pastor Cindy Osgood.

Cindy Osgood - December 07, 2014 at 12:34 PM