



## Barbara J. Johnson

April 4, 1933 - March 10, 2013

Benton Harbor – Barbara Johnson, 79, of Benton Harbor, passed away early Sunday, March 10, 2013 at her home.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be held at 1:00 P.M., on Thursday, March 14 at the Dey-Florin Funeral Home, 2506 Niles Ave., in St. Joseph, with Pastor Brian Rumer officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores. Visitation will be held from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of South West Michigan. Messages of condolence may be sent to [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Barbara was born April 4, 1933 in Wabash, Indiana to Charles and Alberta Sirk. She was a strong, independent lady who helped people and loved animals. Barbara was an excellent seamstress, enjoyed doing arts and crafts, loved working in her yard, and was proud of the fact that she earned her GED at age 57. Barbara attended many activities at the St. Joseph Senior Center. She was known by “Mom” to many. Most of all, Barbara cherished time spent with her family and friends.

Barbara is survived by her children, David (Diane) Johnson of High Springs, Florida, Lois (Randy) Summerhill of Kalamazoo and extended family, Mike (Carla) Thornhill of Niles, Michigan; grandchildren, Jeremiah, Kimberly, John,

Desiree, Joshua, Tonya, Doug, Christopher and Tyler; twelve great-grandchildren; brother, Lester (Grace) Sirk of Mattawan; sister, Leslie Ellen Arnold of Marion, Indiana; and by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her brothers, Terry Leon Sirk and David Lee Solpher; and by her sister, Shirley Eln Goudy.

# Cemetery Details

## North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013  
2506 Niles Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 983-1514  
staff@florin.net

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry to hear of the death in your family. Because of my love for people and our Creator I would like to offer you a message of comfort. Please accept it with the respect that comes with it. Jehovah God, our heavenly Father, never intended death to be. (1 Corinthians 15:25,26) In the future through his Son Jesus Christ he will restore our dead loved ones back to life right here on the earth under the best of conditions. (John 5:28,29) How do we know this? Well, it was God's intention in the beginning for us to live forever on a Paradise earth and he promises to soon remove the wicked and unjust conditions here by means of his heavenly Kingdom that Jesus is the King of. So, the majority of those who have died will be resurrected back to the earth when things are much better. (Psalm 37:9-11,29; Proverbs 2:21,22; Revelation 21:3,4; Matthew 6:10; Daniel 2:44) So Barbara will have the opportunity to live forever on this earth under peaceful and happy conditions. In the meantime please be assured that Jehovah hurts with you and longs to resurrect Barbara from her death-like sleep. (John 11:11, Job 14:14,15) May the knowledge and hope in the resurrection ease your grief and help you to cope with your loss. Sincerely,  
Joyce Arnold  
laritaarmold@gmail.com

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**Joyce Arnold** - March 25, 2013 at 01:08 PM

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“ Judy Hayes purchased the Exotic Grace for the family of Barbara J. Johnson.



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**Judy Hayes** - March 12, 2013 at 01:22 PM