



## Barbara M Mattheeussen

September 14, 1932 - July 24, 2016

Barbara M. Mattheeussen, 83, of Benton Harbor died Sunday, July 24, 2016, at the Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 5 PM on Sunday, July 31, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. The visitation will begin at 4 PM on Sunday at the Fairplain Chapel. Burial will take place on Monday at the New Troy Cemetery. Please share memories, messages or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Barb was born on Sept 14, 1932 in Milwaukee, WI to Oscar and Gertrude Schindler. She married her husband, Floyd, in 1953 and he preceded her in death in 2005. Together they celebrated 52 years of marriage. Barb attended Elmhurst College and graduated from Western Michigan University with a BA Degree. She was a teacher in the Coloma Public Schools for over 30 years. Barb was a member of the Democratic Party, the NAACP, the American Federation of Teachers, and the UCC. She loved watching the news and gardening. Barb was a very resilient individual who always was taking care of other people and her family. She particularly enjoyed the activities of her grandchildren.

She leaves behind her children, Joseph (Theresa) Mattheeussen of New Britain, CT and Karen (Rabbi Hillel) Zeitlin of Baltimore, MD; her

grandchildren, Stephanie, Gavriel, Ariella, Pnina, and Shlomo and her 5 great

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
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## Burial

AUG 1. 9:00 AM (ET)

New Troy Cemetery  
Sawyer, MI

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ My husband Robert and I have many fond memories of Barbara and Floyd. So sorry for your loss  
Neighbors on Kerlikowske  
Danni Williams and daughter Brittany Deane

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**Danni Williams** - April 29, 2019 at 12:40 PM

JR

“ I remember Mrs. Mattheussen as a no-nonsense (strict but good) teacher in 3rd grade. Even had Mr. as a teacher in high school. My condolences to Joe and his family.  
Jim and Susan Ridge

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**Jim and Susan Ridge** - September 27, 2016 at 06:58 AM

CK

“ I actually only worked with Barb on a few occasions, however, visited with her many times while working at Caretel ... such a nice lady. Prayers to family and God Bless !!

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**Cindy Haines Comfort Keeper** - August 02, 2016 at 07:14 PM

KA

Cindy, Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. My Mom was so appreciative of the care everyone gave her. I am only now getting to read these comments, and am grateful for your thoughts about my Mom. Karen, Barb's daughter

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**Karen** - September 22, 2016 at 04:04 PM

CK

“ *Cindy Haines Comfort Keeper lit a candle in memory of Barbara M Mattheussen*



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**Cindy Haines Comfort Keeper** - August 02, 2016 at 07:09 PM

DC

“ *Karen, So sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my prayers. Debbie Hafer Cowgill*

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**Debbie Hafer Cowgill** - August 01, 2016 at 06:11 PM

KA

*Thank you Debbie. I appreciate your reaching out. I am so grateful we have so many pics of my Mom smiling. She loved her family and friends, and I will always remember her smile.*

*Karen*

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**Karen** - September 22, 2016 at 04:07 PM

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**Paul Tavernier** - July 30, 2016 at 10:12 PM

KA

*Paul, Thank you for posting these pics. It is so nice to see my Mom's smile and she really seems to be having a good time. I know she always enjoyed hosting and sharing her outdoor projects. I will email to Joe the link in case he didn't get to see these. Thanks again, Karen*

Karen - September 22, 2016 at 04:10 PM

MH

“ *Barbara was an inspiring person. I am so sorry for your loss. May her memory be for a blessing.*

Marnie Heyn - July 28, 2016 at 11:20 AM

KA

*Thank you Marnie. It was a privilege to be involved with caring for her these last few years. I will miss her smile, so am glad for the beautiful pics posted here. Thank you for posting. Karen*

Karen - September 22, 2016 at 04:12 PM

JM

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Joseph Mattheussen - July 27, 2016 at 07:24 PM