



Gretchan Kay Barber

January 8, 1945 - March 17, 2025

Gretchan Kay Barber, 80 of Kokomo, passed away at 4:10 p.m. on March 17, 2025 at Community Howard Regional Health Hospital in Kokomo. She was born January 8, 1945 in Greensburg, IN; she was the daughter of the late J. Charles and Margaret (Moster) Miller. Gretchan was a 1969 graduate of Laurel High School and received an Associate's Degree from Ivy Tech in Medical Assistance. She married James Richard Barber on September 29, 1962 and started their family in Rush County and he preceded her in death on July 12, 2006.

Gretchan was a member of Clarksburg Christian Church, The Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 93, The Loyal Circle and Learned Lassies Homemakers Club in Rush County. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She loved to go on family vacations. Gretchan loved the outdoors and time spent on the water.

Gretchan is survived by her children, Maribeth (David) Crisp of South Carolina, James Christopher (Crystal) Barber of Sharpsville, Nancy (Brian) Campbell of Indianapolis, Jonathon (Ashley) Barber of Brookville; sister, Joan (Justin) Driscoll of Virginia. She will also be missed by her grandchildren, Ashley (Eric Green) Crisp, Amy Crisp, Nathan Campbell, Andrew Campbell, Bailey Barber, Bridgett Barber, Matti Barber, Wyatt Barber; great-granddaughter, Evelyn Green.

Gretchan is preceded in death by her parents; husband James Richard Barber, granddaughter, Mackenzie Renae-Kay Barber, siblings Gloria Martin,

Carol Springer and Vince Miller.

Services will be held Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 1 PM in Moster Mortuary with Pastor Jerran Jackson presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 11AM until the time of service on Saturday. Burial will be held in Hopewell Cemetery, Richland Township, Rush County, Indiana. Memorial Contributions may be made to Clarksburg Christian Church or to Riley's Children Hospital in memory of Gretchan Barber.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Gretchan Kay Barber*



Moster Mortuary - March 22, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *I'm sorry to see this. I was just talking to sister about her. Wondering how she was. My prayers are with you. She was a good neighbor. I just saw it online or would have come to the services. We had some long interesting discussions. Good memories.*

debra sparks (byrd) - March 27, 2025 at 04:40 PM

EH

“ To our extended Barber family,

I received a call from Nancy Campbell this morning to advise of Gretchen's passing & service.



She said that when she realized I wasn't in attendance that I must have not known about it.

Things happen fast and especially when Gretchen was in Kokomo and having to be transferred here to Rushville would have been just another iron in the fire to take care of.

Yes, had I known I would have been with you but it is perfectly all right and I understand the situation.

The good thing about this whole thing is that Gretchen wanted to go home and she is now at home.

If we can do anything to help you kids let me know and we will assist.

Your mother was just existing but now she is really living and what a reunion she must have had seeing her savior, husband, parents , siblings and friends.

I look forward to being with her in that place called heaven myself.

Please feel free to contact me if you need anything and my phone is ((765) 825-3841 or stop by and see us. You are loved! Eric & Melody Hopkins

Eric P Hopkins - March 24, 2025 at 10:55 AM

MF

“ MacKenzie Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Gretchan Kay Barber.



MacKenzie Family - March 20, 2025 at 01:42 PM

AC

“ Amy & Ashley Crisp purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Gretchan Kay Barber.



Amy & Ashley Crisp - March 19, 2025 at 05:34 PM

SF

“ Scott, LaDonna Smith and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gretchen Kay Barber.

Scott, LaDonna Smith and Family - March 18, 2025 at 04:27 PM

SF

“ Scott, LaDonna Smith and Family purchased the “You Are Loved And In Our Prayers” Comfort Throw for the family of Gretchan Kay Barber.



Scott, LaDonna Smith and Family - March 18, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DM

“ My Aunt Gretchen was much more of a Big Sister to me than my Aunt. She was so much fun and I loved spending time with her. When she and Jim got married, I would spend time with them quite often. She was a lot of fun for a young boy. God Bless you and keep you Aunt Gretchen!

Dave Martin - March 18, 2025 at 04:26 PM

DM

“ 2 files added to the album Miller Family



Dave Martin - March 18, 2025 at 04:22 PM

KB

We are neighbors of this beautiful woman who rests in peace we would like to give the deepest condolences to her children do you know how we can communicate with them?

Karen Bell - May 14, 2025 at 01:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gretchen Kay Barber.

March 18, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gretchan Kay Barber.* ”



March 18, 2025 at 04:11 PM