



Barbara L. "Babs" Bilyew

April 14, 1929 - April 30, 2011

Barbara "Babs" L. Bilyew, 82, of Huntington passed away at 2:25 a.m. on Saturday, April 30th, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor, where she had been for 3 days. She was a 1947 graduate of Huntington High School. She loved organizing and attending each of her Class Reunions for the past 64 years. Barbara and her former husband, Claude E. Bilyew, who preceded her in death, 1/26/1994, had 49 wonderful years of marriage together. They were co-owners of the Modern Shoe Store, downtown Huntington, for over 60 years. She enjoyed collecting and selling antiques and collectibles. She loved reading, especially Movie Stars autobiographies. She wrote daily journal-entries for the past 50 years and entertained many people she met with her astrology and horoscope knowledge. Her favorite game was Scrabble, which kept her mind very alert her entire life. Her family was by far the most important thing in her life and loved to have potluck dinners every Sunday evening. She was very proud to have the prettiest and longest fingernails in town and could not be seen without her earrings. She had spent the last 9 years of her life being her son's (Barry) 24/7 caregiver after he had suffered a brain injury from a State Highway mowing accident. Her most enjoyed companion was her Ragdoll kitty, named Emmy-Lou, who still survives.

She was born on April 14, 1929 in Wapakoneta, Ohio, to Norman L. Brown and Virginia (Klipfel) Brown. She was united in marriage to Claude E. Bilyew on March 15, 1947.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Norman A. Brown, this past November of 2010. Survivors include her brother, Thomas L. (Phyllis) Brown of Marblehead, Ohio. Three daughters, Claudette L. (Marvin) Bangs of Huntington, Betsy A. Bilyew of Huntington, and Carol J. (Larry) Mower of Rochester, In. Two sons, Barry E. Bilyew of Huntington and Donald D. (Joanne) Bilyew of Thorndale, Pa.; 7 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. Plus 4 very special nieces and nephews that were like her own children.

Barbara's desire was to be cremated like her husband was back in 1994, which her family respected. The family is hosting a CELEBRATION OF LIFE "POT-LUCK-PARTY" on Saturday, May 7th, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington. Visiting hours will be from 2:00 to 4:00 and the CELEBRATION OF LIFE gathering will start promptly at 4:00 p.m. All friends and family are WELCOMED to attend. This will be a very casual gathering and would prefer you to be in jeans, shorts, or something comfortable. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to HELPING PAWS (PET HAVEN & CAT ADOPTION CENTER) in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara L. "Babs" Bilyew



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Babs: What a beautiful obituary you all made for her. She is looking down and smiling - you did it right! Everything you wrote is so true especially the love of her family, her Sunday dinners, her astrology knowledge, her collecting, her ear rings, her scrabble games etc. Most of all, her love for life, never complaining - always contented with what she had. Best of all, her wonderful children, who I enjoyed as much as her. Thank you for the love you gave me when I was a part of your family. Those memories make me smile.. xo Connie

Connie Dicke - May 04, 2011 at 04:55 PM



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Jan Bilyew - May 04, 2011 at 02:24 PM

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Jan Bilyew - May 04, 2011 at 02:23 PM

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Janet Bilyew (for Brittany Bilyew) - May 02, 2011 at 10:15 PM



“ *I remember going to the shoe store with my dad and mom (Don and Shelby Ness) to get shoes. Your Mom and Dad were always so nice to me and my brothers. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.*



carol smith - May 02, 2011 at 08:40 PM



“ *TO ALL FRIENDS & FAMILY, Come join us on SATURDAY, MAY 7th, visiting hours will be from 2:00 to 4:00 and a SPECIAL Celebration-of-Life Potluck Party starts promptly at 4:00 p.m. at the Bailey-Love Funeral home in Huntington, In. We sure would enjoy seeing you there...Claudette, Barry, & Betsy*

BETSY BILYEW - May 02, 2011 at 02:09 PM

MS

Dear Betsy & Family, Had hoped to stop in to say hello to you on the 7th...my thoughts and prayers for you were sent; however, I broke my hip that morning and was in surgery at the time of your celebration. Please know you have my deepest sympathy, Mary Jo Schenkel

Mary Jo and Monte Schenkle - May 13, 2011 at 09:05 AM

CW

“Cheryl Warner lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. "Babs" Bilyew



Cheryl Warner - May 02, 2011 at 11:41 AM