



## Barbara Ellen Shockley

May 12, 1939 - January 25, 2023

Barbara Ellen Shockley, 83, loving mother and grandmother died peacefully on January 25, 2023.

Barbara was born May 12, 1939 in Huntington, Indiana at her parent's home. She was the only child of Oakly and Rozellen Dickey. In 1957, Barbara graduated from Huntington High School. Following high school graduation, she completed her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1960 and later completed her Master's Degree in Education at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. After teaching elementary education for two years in Fort Wayne, Barbara continued her teaching career in Huntington at Tipton Street School and Riley School. She taught primarily first grade. Barbara loved children and enjoyed teaching. Following a break of several years, Barbara joined the teaching team of the First Presbyterian Church Preschool, first as an assistant teacher and then as the director/teacher. She served in that roll for over 30 years.

Barbara married James L. Shockley on April 30, 1960, and they were married 62 years before his death on November 26, 2022. Their family eventually grew to include three daughters and one son, their spouses, and eight grandchildren. Barbara's greatest love was her family. Nothing was more important to her than creating special memories especially around the holidays. She started preparing for Thanksgiving in early October. By the

special day, the dessert table would include everyone's favorite sweet.

Barbara made sure that the family home was decorated for every holiday but especially Christmas. In December, her home would be filled with yuletide decorations many of which she had created including her ceramic nativity scene, homemade Christmas stockings for each family member, and her Christmas village. In addition to her own nativity scene, Barbara would often paint and glaze a nativity scene as a wedding gift for family friends. She would love to know that nativity scenes she had created continue to decorate fireplace mantels in our friends' homes.

Barbara enjoyed many hobbies including baking, knitting, crochet, sewing, needlepoint, and ceramics. She had a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing. Barbara also enjoyed collecting antiques. In addition to teaching at the First Presbyterian Church, Barbara was also a life-long member, and served the church in many different leadership roles. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Psi Iota Xi.

She is survived by her daughters Jennefer Pursifull, Jodine (Douglas) Staebler, Judy (Jeff) Schwartz, her son Jeff (Abby) Shockley, and her grandchildren Austin Pursifull, Carson (Jake) Pursifull, Samuel (Abigail) Staebler, Luke Staebler, Cooper Shockley, Grace Shockley, and Ella Schwartz. She was preceded in death by her husband James Lewis Shockley, her parents Joseph Oakly and Josephine Rozellen (Wright) Dickey, her grandson Barrett Pursifull, and her son-in-law Eugene Pursifull.

Visitation will be from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm immediately following visitation. Services will be conducted by Pastor John Beehler of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Barbara Ellen Shockley.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

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35 West Park Drive  
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## Burial

JAN 31 (ET)

Mt. Hope Cemetery  
1700 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Barbara Shockley.*



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - January 30, 2023 at 03:48 PM

JH

*Many wonderful memories of Mr. and Mrs. Shockley. You all have my deepest sympathy.*

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**J. Tyler Handwork** - January 31, 2023 at 10:16 PM

TS

“ *To Barbara's family and friends my thoughts and prayers are with you  
I used to walk with Jim at the you.  
Terry*

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**Terry E Scher** - February 07, 2023 at 09:24 PM

SB

“ *I have so many fond memories of working with Barbara at the Presbyterian Church. She became a very close friend that I loved and admired. Her family was so important to her and Barbara spoke of all of you every day. I always enjoyed our lunches and laughter with Lonna Dickey. I am blessed and happy to have called her my friend.  
God Bless You,  
Susan Brown*

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**Susan Brown** - February 03, 2023 at 01:49 PM

CC

“ *My sincere condolences to the whole family of Barbra♥ it was such an honor and blessing to have been there and helped take care of her up at the heritage.*



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**Crystal Crider** - February 01, 2023 at 04:12 PM

DM

“ *Barbara and I first met in grade school at John Tipton. We were best friends for many years and I have so many precious memories of the two of us going to her parents cottage at Silver Lake, skating, swimming, and "boy" watching. We enjoyed many overnights at her house or mine. We loved to bicycle all over northern Huntington, sun bathing at Big Blue, going to Jobs Daughter's functions, just being typical teens of that era. After high school, I went to work and was married - she went to college . Our visits together became less and less, but I did visit occasionally and remember her children when young. You all were blessed with a precious Mom and Dad. May they both fly high and enjoy the next chapter of their lives together. God bless you all.*

*Diane Voght Miller*

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**Diane Miller** - January 30, 2023 at 07:18 PM

TT

“ *The Medxcel Executive Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Barbara Ellen Shockley.*



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**The Medxcel Executive Team** - January 30, 2023 at 02:21 PM

MW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Barb was such a Sweet Lady.*



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**Mary J Wilson** - January 29, 2023 at 05:49 PM

AB

“ *I made amazing memories with Barb teaching preschool with her for 12 long years at First Presbyterian church. We shared a lot of laughs and good times together❤️ I treasured our time together and will always have Fond memories of having each of my 3 children come through our Preschool and Barbara being such a wonderful teacher to them all! So many stories...so many sweet children. I am grateful for the opportunity she gave me so many years ago 💜 She will be greatly missed. May she rest in Peace.*

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**Anne Betterly** - January 29, 2023 at 11:47 AM

MB

“ *Marta Barker lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara Shockley*



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**Marta Barker** - January 29, 2023 at 11:21 AM

MR

“ *Millie Reifert lit a candle in memory of Barbara Shockley*



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**Millie Reifert** - January 29, 2023 at 11:20 AM

LD

“ *Danny and I have known Jim and Barbara for many, many years. Barbara, Susan Brown and I used to meet for lunch quite often but I think that we laughed more than we ate! Such fun. We offer our deepest condolences to all you children for this loss of your mother. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that your parents spirits are together once again.*

*Danny and Lonna Dickey*

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**Lonna Dickey** - January 28, 2023 at 09:20 PM

LH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. She will be missed by many.*  
*Lynne Holswade*

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**Lynne Holswade** - January 28, 2023 at 07:01 PM

JG

“ *Sincere condolences and prayers to the family.*

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**John Gass** - January 28, 2023 at 05:27 PM