



Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown

November 27, 1938 - June 8, 2024

Barbara Eleanor Bethune Brown, 85

Saturday June 8, 2024

At home in Fenton, Michigan

Barbara was born November 27, 1938, in Pontiac, Michigan, to parents Edward and Eleanor Bethune and is survived by her two younger sisters, Mary Ann Bethune and KJ Bethune. In 1962 Barb married Walter Brown at the Davisburg Methodist Church and celebrated 62 years of marriage at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, Walter, two daughters -- Jacqueline Campbell (Scott Campbell) and Jennifer Mayfield (Kevin Mayfield) -- four grandchildren -- Kevin and Dylan Mayfield, Katie Campbell-Magar and Jeffrey Campbell -- and one great-granddaughter -- Ava Campbell-Magar.

Barb and her family moved from Pontiac, Michigan to Big Lake near Davisburg when she was in grade school and attended Covell School -- a one-room country schoolhouse -- and later Davisburg Elementary School. Barbara is a graduate of the Holly High School, Class of 1957. After high school she attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in education and later receiving a master's degree in education from Central Michigan University. She began her teaching career at Clarkston High School in the fall of 1961 and later taught at Holly High School and Fenton High School, where she taught for over thirty years.

Barb was a long-time, active member and elder of the Holly Presbyterian Church, and taught both Sunday School and Adult Sunday School for many years. She was also the leader of a girl scout troop while her two daughters were active in scouting.

Barb enjoyed teaching, reading mystery novels, camping, road trips -- especially driving in the Appalachian Mountains -- and a warm fire in the fireplace with a kitty on her lap.

A visitation will be held at the Dryer Funeral Home on Friday June 14, 2024 from 2-9PM. A funeral service will be held at the Dryer Funeral Home on Saturday June 15, 2024 at 11AM with Pastor Chris Thomas officiating. Memorial donations can be made to: Holly Presbyterian Church. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Davisburg Cemetery

Davisburg, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St.
Holly, MI 48442
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Funeral Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St.
Holly, MI 48442
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - June 18, 2024 at 03:34 PM

LS

“ *Jackie and Jennifer*
My sympathies to your family! Your mother was a special person! I did so many things with her through Girl Scouts, Sunday school, and Alma College events. I always remember her fondly.

Laura (Bates) Spens - June 29, 2024 at 05:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.*



June 14, 2024 at 01:56 AM

DJ

“ *Dimitria Jackson-AOB purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.*



Dimitria Jackson-AOB - June 13, 2024 at 05:47 PM

DJ

“ *Dimitria Jackson-AOB planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.*

Dimitria Jackson-AOB - June 13, 2024 at 05:47 PM

BC

“ *Mrs. Brown was my favorite teacher ever. She was one of the kindest, smartest, funniest women I have ever met. Her influence and inspiration have so much to do with why I became an English teacher. I am certain she made a positive impact in so many lives besides just mine.*

Barbara Carini - June 13, 2024 at 02:21 PM

JC

“ From Jack Craft, with prayers for all the family.

Barb was usually the smartest person in the room, but she never needed to flaunt it or use her intellect to dominate. She was always more interested in lifting up other people, often subtly toward a more compassionate, broad minded point of view. I thank God for the times she did that for me.

I will always be grateful for the welcome and support she and Walt gave me during my years in Holly.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

Jack Craft - June 13, 2024 at 01:02 PM

WB

Thank you Jack. (Walt)

Walter Brown - August 12, 2024 at 12:15 PM

TW

“ The Sprouts and The Worths planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.

The Sprouts and The Worths - June 13, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.



June 13, 2024 at 12:50 PM

SG

“ I will always remember with smiles and gratitude how Barb and Walt welcomed Fred, myself and our 2 kitties into their home while we waited to get into our apartment. That became the foundation of a great friendship that felt like family. Barb will always be remembered with much love. - Sharlyn Gates



Sharlyn DeHaven Gates - June 12, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.



June 12, 2024 at 06:00 PM

RG

“ Rev. Sharlyn Gates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.

Rev. Sharlyn Gates - June 12, 2024 at 06:00 PM

ND

“ Nedra and Howard Downing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.



Nedra and Howard Downing - June 12, 2024 at 05:18 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the album *barbara bethune brown*



Jackie - June 11, 2024 at 09:17 PM

PO

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Brown Family.*

Ponzettis - June 11, 2024 at 07:10 PM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - June 11, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.*



June 11, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DB

“ Donna B. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Barbara Eleanor (Bethune) Brown.



Donna B. - June 11, 2024 at 09:35 AM

S5

“ Sorry to hear of Barbara Passing My prayers are with her Family, I will not be able to attend as I will be out of town. Shari Franklin

Shari Franklin class of 57 - June 11, 2024 at 08:58 AM

DL

“ My heart goes out to you. Aunt Barb was such an influential part of my life growing up. I think back on our holidays and special times together. She will be so missed.

David Lock - June 10, 2024 at 07:41 PM

MC

“ I knew Mrs. Brown from 1985-1990 while at NMU with her daughter Jennifer. Mrs. Brown was always so kind. She graciously invited me into her home during school vacations as if I'd been Jenn's friend all of her daughter's life.

She showed me the longest lock of thick hair I had ever seen! Her long brown hair was gorgeous. We laughed over comparing her thick beautiful hair and my thin ponytail.

I remember Jennifer telling me how knowledgeable, composed and kind (especially to all God's creatures) she was.

I'll always think of Mrs. Brown fondly.

Marty Cooper - June 10, 2024 at 07:15 PM

JA

“ 3 files added to the album *barbara bethune brown*



Jackie - June 10, 2024 at 06:42 PM