



## Barbara A. McKay

March 21, 1933 - February 3, 2024

Barbara Ann McKay, 90, of Grand Blanc, Michigan, passed away peacefully due to Pneumonia on February 3, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 21, 1933, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Hugh McPhail and Sara Grenier McPhail. Barbara was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, mother-in-law, aunt, great-aunt, cousin, sister, daughter, daughter-in-law, wife, widow, friend, and a role model to all who met her.

Barbara was a woman of many accomplishments and interests. She was a dedicated member of the Sweet Adeline's, an American Business Women's Association member, and a successful business owner. She owned and operated McKay's Hardware in Holly, Michigan, where she enjoyed serving the Holly community, her friends, and customers. Barbara was also an avid landowner, farmer, square dancer, 4-H enthusiast, and 4-H leader. She had a green thumb and took great joy in gardening. Barbara's involvement in her community extended to being a Grand Marshal, a queen, a yearbook editor, and an advocate for Holly. She had a heart for service and volunteered at soup kitchens. Barbara loved to travel and was a dedicated churchgoer.

Barbara is survived by her brother, Lawrence McPhail (Gina), and Marie Benesh. She is also survived by her children: Connie Lenhart, Scott McKay (Terry), Ken McKay (Cathy), Becky Senesac (Chris), Gordon McKay (Jennifer), and Rita Ross (Stephen). Barbara was a proud grandmother to 15

grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph McKay, and her son-in-law, Stephen Lenhart.

Barbara graduated from Ortonville Schools and spent one year at Michigan State University. She cherished her education and valued the opportunities it provided her.

Barbara worshipped at Saint Mark's Catholic Church in Grand Blanc, Michigan, where she found solace and community.

Services to honor Barbara's life will be held at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, Michigan. Viewing will take place on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm, with a prayer service at 7:30 pm. On Thursday, February 8, 2024, there will be a viewing at 10:00 am at Saint Mark's Catholic Church, followed by a Mass at 11:00 am and a luncheon at the church.

In Barbara's memory, donations can be made to the following organizations: Saint Mary's Capuchin Friars - 110 Shonnard Pl, Yonkers, NY 10703; Leader Dog for the Blind - 1039 South Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307; Oakland County 4-H Youth Programs - 12451 Andersonville Rd, Davisburg, MI 48350; St. Mark's Church - 7296 Gail Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439; American Business Woman's Association Greater Oakland Co Chapter - Scholarship Education Fund - [abwa.greateroakland@gmail.com](mailto:abwa.greateroakland@gmail.com)

The compassionate staff at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, Michigan, is assisting the family with the arrangements during this difficult time.

Barbara Ann McKay was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of many. Her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.



# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291  
bgdryer@hotmail.com  
<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Scripture Service

FEB 7. 7:30 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
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Holly, MI 48442  
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## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Catholic Church  
7296 Gale Rd.  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

## Funeral Mass

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Catholic Church  
7296 Gale Rd.  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Kevin and McKay Family,  
Our thoughts are with you during this difficult  
time.  
Our Heartfelt Condolences, Sam Usman Jr.  
and Pure Options Team.



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**Melissa Swanson** - February 07, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ When I think of her I smile!

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**Karen Viviano** - February 07, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Barbara A. McKay.



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February 07, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Barbara A. McKay.



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February 06, 2024 at 07:57 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara A. McKay.*



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February 06, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ *I have known Barb since 1969, when I would take daughter, Sheila, for a ride in her stroller. We always stopped at McKays. One day there was a sales rep. who came in asking to speak to Ray. This was shortly after Rays death. The clerk, Margaret, told the man Ray, was not in and he would have to talk to Barb. Barb came up front and the rep informed Barb he would only talk to Ray. Barb told rep to wait just one minute, Barb then went to the back and came back with a shovel, handed it to rep, Who was dumb enough to ask what am I to do with this? Barb informed rep" Where Ray was at and about 6' down have a good chat" Rep then exited store still holding shovel, where clerk found it leaning on the window. That was our Barb.*

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**Louise B Magaw** - February 06, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ *Jacqueline S. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Barbara A. McKay.*



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**Jacqueline S.** - February 06, 2024 at 04:36 PM

MC

“ Margaret and James Casey purchased the Count ry Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara A. McKay.



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**Margaret and James Casey** - February 06, 2024 at 12:46 PM

LL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. She was a lovely woman and a great mother who raised her children very well. The Lueb Family

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**LOIS LUEB** - February 06, 2024 at 12:11 PM

LL

“ LOIS LUEB lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKay



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**LOIS LUEB** - February 06, 2024 at 12:00 PM

NM

“ I remember her from being in 4H. She was an amazing, kind woman. Condolences to the large loving family that she raised.

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**Nancy Prose Mooney** - February 06, 2024 at 08:22 AM

TS

“ Taylor, Duncan, Cole, and Sam purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Barbara A. McKay.



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**Taylor, Duncan, Cole, and Sam** - February 05, 2024 at 11:09 PM

TS

“ Taylor, Duncan, Cole, and Sam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara A. McKay.

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**Taylor, Duncan, Cole, and Sam** - February 05, 2024 at 11:09 PM

JB

“ Ken and family our deepest sympathy to you during this very difficult time. Sorry we can not be there in person to express our feelings for the loss of a great woman. We always looked up to your mother and her work ethic which she passed onto the entire family ! She will be missed by all who she touched in life.

*John and CJ  
Brummeler*

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**john Brummeler** - February 05, 2024 at 10:56 PM

TF

“ Tom, Chistopher and Mark Herzog Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara A. McKay.



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**Tom, Chistopher and Mark Herzog Families** - February 05, 2024 at 09:37 PM

PS

“ *Barb was a wonderful person. Always enjoyed visiting with her. We had a lot of great laughs over the years*

**Penny schettling** - February 05, 2024 at 07:34 PM

TF

“ *The Ross and Horn Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara A. McKay.*



**The Ross and Horn Families** - February 05, 2024 at 05:32 PM

CD

“ *Connie Davis lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKay*



**Connie Austin Davis** - February 05, 2024 at 04:21 PM

MM

“ *Marvin Irene Bob Tim Helen Maureen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barbara A. McKay.*



**Marvin Irene Bob Tim Helen Maureen** - February 05, 2024 at 04:05 PM

MM

“ Marvin Irene Bob Tim Helen Maureen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara A. McKay.

Marvin Irene Bob Tim Helen Maureen - February 05, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara A. McKay.



February 05, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara A. McKay.



February 05, 2024 at 11:41 AM

RB

“ Rick and Janet Benesh purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Barbara A. McKay.



Rick and Janet Benesh - February 05, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JL

“ This makes me sad to hear and my thoughts certainly go out to the entire family. But it also brings a smile to my face. Barb was such an amazing person for everybody that knew her. The Village of Holly is much better because of her. She was always extremely supportive of the Jaycees when I was a member. Such a sweet lady.

John Ley - February 05, 2024 at 10:58 AM

GS

“ Prayers to the family. She was a well Loved person.

george smutny - February 05, 2024 at 08:12 AM

D&

“ Dave &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara A. McKay.

Dave &. - February 04, 2024 at 11:18 PM

JS

“ Jean Schuette lit a candle in memory of Barbara McKay



Jean Schuette - February 04, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara A. McKay.



February 04, 2024 at 08:07 PM

GF

“ Dear Sweet Barbara was a friend to so many ABWA people from across the nation! I got to know her better through many events such as Eastern Michigan Council, Winter Warm-up, various fundraisers chapters held and conferences put on by our national office. My sincere condolences to the whole family. Gail Frahm, President of the Frankenmuth-based Cass River Charter Chapter of ABWA

Gail Frahm - February 04, 2024 at 06:40 PM

MA

“ My deepest condolences to All of the McKay family. Sending you strength and courage during this most difficult time.

Mrs. Barbara McKay was a Wonderful woman. I have known her since I was a young child going to the Hardware store with my parents. Always a smile, a good word and treated me with respect throughout my life. May God Bless and keep her. Peace 🤍🕊️🤍



Marti Addis - February 04, 2024 at 05:46 PM

JM

“ I will never forget spending the night under the Christmas tree on New Years Eve at the farm. Aunt Barb invited Mike and I, Sue and Paul and John Frances and Margaret. None of us were married at the time but Aunt Barb was sure there was something magical about that tree because all three couples were eventually married! Your mom will be greatly missed. She was an amazing woman and I grew to love her very easily.

Love to you all, Joanne McPhail

Joanne McPhail - February 04, 2024 at 05:38 PM

BF

“ Benesh Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara A. McKay.



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**Benesh Family** - February 04, 2024 at 04:25 PM

BF

“ Benesh Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara A. McKay.

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**Benesh Family** - February 04, 2024 at 04:25 PM

AG

“ Anthony & Patti Garbacik purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Barbara A. McKay.



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**Anthony & Patti Garbacik** - February 04, 2024 at 02:59 PM

AG

“ Anthony & Patti Garbacik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara A. McKay.

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**Anthony & Patti Garbacik** - February 04, 2024 at 02:59 PM