



## Barbara J. McGowan

August 10, 1941 - August 26, 2019

Barbara J. McGowan, age 78, had passed on Monday, August 26, 2019, in Independence Ohio. She was born August 10, 1941, in Cleveland, OH.

Barbara touched the lives of all around her. She was an inspiration and a source of great comfort to her children, and by example instilled in them lessons of selflessness and character; she ensured that all of them knew what it meant to be a caring, giving, and loving person. Her love for her grandchildren was endless, and all around her knew it. They adore their Grammy, and she adored each and every one of them. As they grew, they too gained the life lessons of understanding emotions and giving compassion and love. She was her sister's childhood playmate and adult friend and confidant. Their beautiful lifelong relationship endured, despite time and miles of separation. To the rest of the family, the sisters and brothers-in-law, the nieces and nephews, she was Aunt Barb, and they too were touched by the same love she shared with all around her. She was blessed with friends from all aspects of her life with whom she shared these gifts freely and without expectation of receiving anything in return. She was the person everyone went to when they felt they needed to talk because she could make any hurt go away, and she was the glue that held her family and friends together regardless of circumstance. It was what made her a truly special individual. She will be loved and missed by all, but all whose lives crossed with hers will carry her wisdom, as Barbara helped them become who they are today

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer (Daniel) Katrein; sons, Michael McGowan, and Steven (Pamela) McGowan; grandchildren, Ryan (Nikki) McGowan, Derek, Joshua, and Jessica Katrein, Marley Krapinski, Evan and Grace McGowan; step-sons, Rick and Ron Cermak; sister, Jo Anne (Doug) Scherrer; and many other loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lillian Clarke.

A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, September 29 from 1 - 5 pm at Quail Hollow Country Club: 11295 Quail Hollow Dr., Concord, OH 44077.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her name may be made online to the sanctuary that adopted and placed Maggie in a loving home, Island Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary: [islandshas.wixsite.com/ishas](http://islandshas.wixsite.com/ishas)

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH. 44060.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Quail Hollow Country Club  
11295 Quail Hollow Dr  
Concord Twp, OH 44077

# Tribute Wall

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“ Barbara was a lovely person, warm, kind, and generous with her heart to all who came into her life. I'm grateful to have known her. To her family and friends, I'm so sorry for your loss, and wish you comfort in the memories and love that lives on.

Cheryl Johnson

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**Cheryl Johnson** - October 17, 2019 at 05:50 PM

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“ Dear Family and Friends,  
We are so very sorry to hear Barbara has passed. She was one of the first moms I had the pleasure of meeting when our boys entered kindergarten. She and I volunteered at school and that year she and I drove some classmates (field trip) to Lake Farm Park where our boys had a fabulous time - ending up full of mud, and smelly barn straw. She laughed as we drove home - totally unconcerned about her formerly clean car. There were so many fun times for our kids over those years which bring back so many great memories and friendships formed in our wonderful neighborhood. She knew how to put everyone first and her children were the center of her life.

I wish I had known where she moved as I feel badly not keeping in touch with her over the past several years. Her kindness was contagious and we are very blessed for having known such a wonderful person, truly an angel on earth.

In Sincere Sympathy,  
Tim and Pat McCreary

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**The McCreary** - September 08, 2019 at 09:29 PM