



Barbara Leone Walton

January 8, 1936 - February 21, 2021

Barbara (Barb) Leone Diederich Walton, 85, of Carrollton, passed away February 21, 2021 at Carroll Healthcare Center.

Born January 8, 1936 in DuBois, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late William C.F. & Nellie L. (Miller) Diederich.

Barb grew up on a farm in Jewett Ohio, graduated from Jewett High School in 1953 and attended Kent State.

Barb married Richard C. (Dick) Walton on July 18, 1954 at the Carrollton United Presbyterian Church and had been married 47 years prior to Dick's passing in 2001.

Barb worked in cost accounting at Good Roads in Minerva Ohio from 1953-55, the Carrollton McCook House as a Docet and a Christmas Volunteer, and as a news correspondent for WJER Radio and The Times Reporter from 1967-1990.

Barb belonged to Bethel United Methodist Church in Jewett prior to her marriage, and then belonged to the Carrollton United Presbyterian Church for over 60 years, where she served as an elder and clerk, head of the U.P. Women's Missionary Society, choir and choir director, and many years as

pianist for both the Carrollton and Scroggsfield U.P. churches. She also served on the U.P. Lay Renewal Team. She delighted in attending other denominations' church services throughout the week.

Barb's greatest love was Jesus and serving Him, along with her love of family, friends, gardening and music. She was an accomplished pianist and also learned to play sax, ukulele, guitar, organ, and dulcimer. She loved to sing and belonged to Carroll Tones Sweet Adelines Barber Shop Group and The Singing Christians, as well as being part of a trio and traveling to nursing homes, singing for the resident's enjoyment for many years. In 2011, she received the Carrollton Music Study Club's Music Award in appreciation for her many years of service to the community and also received recognition for meritorious services to 4-H. Barb enjoyed writing some music and short stories, as well as her Jewett alumni banquets and class reunion events, birthday celebrations at the Sr. Friendship Center, traveling to many county fairs, and entering floral arrangements and flowers and everything else connected to the Carroll County Fair, decorating for every holiday (especially Valentine's Day when she became engaged), anything sparkly and shiny, bubble lights, stuffed animals, snowmen, soda pop, and especially desserts!

Barb volunteered many years at The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Hospice (The Prayer Activity), and RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), spent many hours at Carrollton's House of Prayer and as a 43-year cancer survivor, participated in a Carroll County Relay-4-Life with her daughter, who is a cancer survivor also. For many years, Barb also was the coordinator and co-coordinator for Carroll County's National Day of Prayer, served on the "All Denominations Christian Women's Retreat" team, participated in the yearly right-to-life event and completed The Lay Speaker's Training Course through the conference of The United Methodist Church. She supported many veteran's organizations and Christian ministries, especially Judicial Watch and Jay Sekulow's ACLJ (American Center for Law & Justice).

When Barb was passionate about something, there was no stopping her, and her home was always open and welcoming to everyone. She and Dick hosted a rotary exchange student, Valinho Regatieri from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Her love, compassion, and prayers helped so many – especially a young woman who had considered ending her life, who now is in ministry. Hearts, lives and organizations were touched by Barb's love for the Lord, her giving nature and her time spent volunteering. She never hesitated to pray for someone's "needs" immediately, via phone, in person, or even in the middle of the grocery store.

Barb was ready to meet Jesus face-to-face. She knew and loved her savior and gave her heart to Him and never hesitated to share the gospel with those she met. She leaves behind an amazing legacy. As Jesus would say, "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Barb was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; and brothers, James (Cleveland) and Harold (Wintersville) Diederich; and is survived by her children, Karla (Mark) Wells, and Darl (Barb) Walton.

The family wishes to thank all those who compassionately cared for Barb at Carroll Healthcare the past two years and all those who visited or sent such an outpouring of cards and notes. You've blessed our hearts.

A private graveside family service was held at Bethel UMC Cemetery in Jewett, due to current health concerns with the Covid-19 pandemic, and a celebration of her life will be held late spring. Memorial contributions in Barb's name may be sent to the Carrollton U.P. Church (265 2nd St. NW, Carrollton, OH 44615), Bethel UMC (% Patty Sabo, 415 Pauline Dr. Hopedale, OH

43976), The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry (Box 551, Carrollton), or the Carroll County Animal Protection League (CCAPL, Box 353, Carrollton).

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Oh Mrs. Walton, You were so kind to my parents when they were in their later years. You played the piano out at the church over in Scroggsfield so well. You will be missed but no doubt you are among the angels in heaven. My prayers to your family. We will see you again.

MaryLouise Schneider - March 11, 2021 at 05:42 PM

JN

“ So sorry Karla and Mark, Darl and Barb for your loss. Barb was a great lady!

Judi and Marion Noble - March 01, 2021 at 02:06 PM

DF

“ Such a beautiful Lady, inside and out! My heart goes out to the family!

Denise Fairbank - February 26, 2021 at 10:09 AM

JS

“ Beautiful spirit, you will be missed by so many of us. You were precious in your love of Jesus and your unwavering faith. Comfort and prayers for your family as they carry on your legacy of love!

JoAnn Scherr

JoAnn Scherr - February 25, 2021 at 08:27 PM

SP

“ Susan Hill Pallaye lit a candle in memory of Barbara Leone Walton



Susan Hill Pallaye - February 25, 2021 at 08:12 PM

SP

Barb was always smiling, and kind. She welcomed me into their home many times. Fond memories of life at the Walton house! Love you, Karla, Darl And Family!

Susan Hill Pallaye - February 25, 2021 at 08:14 PM

DY

“ Karla, Mark, and families, please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother(in-law). Comfort and peace be with you as you adjust.

Diana Yost - February 25, 2021 at 07:51 PM

SH

“ To all of Barb's family, I will miss Dear Barb very much. She was my spiritual guide, I learned a lot from her. You all have my sympathy at this time. Love to all, Sally



Sally Heilman - February 25, 2021 at 07:19 PM

SH

“ *Sally Heilman sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Leone Walton*



Sally Heilman - February 25, 2021 at 07:06 PM

DV

“ *I know Barb will be missed by many people, not the least my Mom. She's going to miss her a lot but she and I are very appreciative of Karla helping them stay in touch up to the end. My deepest condolences to the entire family.*
Diane Jones Vollrath

Diane Vollrath - February 25, 2021 at 05:05 PM

BD

“ *I know I was Welcomed into her home as a child. Sorry for your loss Karla. She was a loving Christian woman. Now she's in at peace.* 🙏
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Barbara Skinner DeNoon - February 25, 2021 at 05:05 PM

JR

“ *So sorry to hear about Barb. We have known her and her late husband for many years. We will keep all her children and family in our prayers.*

Joel H. Rogers - February 25, 2021 at 02:23 PM

RG

“ To the family of Barb and many man many friends.

I am heart broken over the loss of Barb. She was such a beautiful woman inside and out. I have so many memories of Barb growing up.

From her sitting at the 4-H auctions to doing the Carrollton Prayer service on the square. Barb loved the Lord Jesus and it is clear that she is dancing up there in heaven with Him and the many others that have gone before her, her husband! I had the honor of being supply minister in my early days of ministry. She always urged me to push things to the limit and that push and drive that she taught me is reason why I continue to serve and minister to this day. I have so many memories of her car getting stuck on our way to Scroggsfield church. She hopped in my car and we bit our nails trying to make it in time, she prayed "Lord Jesus protect this car and our travels as we go to help others know you more!" and we always made it. There needs to be more Barb Waltons in this world. To the family her beautiful children, I am so sorry for your loss on this earth. Your mom changed so many lives because of her kindness and love (I am living proof). We thank you Jesus for giving us this wonderful angel. My prayers to you all and may the Peace of Christ be with you.

Rev. Darren D. Gartrell

REV. DARREN D GARTRELL - February 24, 2021 at 05:53 PM



KW

HI DARREN! THX SO MUCH FOR YOUR KIND WORDS. MOM LOVED YOU MUCH! I WOULD LOVE TO SPEAK WITH YOU IF YOU HAVE A MINUTE. CALL ANYTIME....330-705-4868... KARLA :-)

KARLA WELLS - September 01, 2021 at 12:13 PM