



## Barbara Ann (Boyer) McLain

November 9, 1948 - January 27, 2026

Barbara Ann (Boyer) McLain, age 77 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 12:00 PM, Monday, February 2, 2026, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Reverend Ron Dickinson and Reverend Todd Krost will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Barb was born on November 9, 1948, in Franklin, PA to the late Robert E. and Jean L. (Sadler) Boyer. She married Dennis James McLain on August 3, 1984, in St. Louis, MO; he preceded her in death on October 14, 2018. She is survived by her sister, Cathy J. Boyer of Mattoon, IL; one nephew, Brian Zachow and wife Janelle of Bloomington, IL; and one niece, Dawn M. Zachow and significant other, Brian Goad of Mattoon, IL; two great-nephews, Jared and Hunter Zachow; and one great niece, Rachel Zachow. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Bonnie J. Zachow, and Adeline "Nadine" Boyer.

Barb was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mattoon, IL. She retired from GE after thirty-seven years of dedicated service, where she made many lasting friendships. She was a member of the Queen Bees quilting group, and the GG's (great girlfriends' group). She was a gifted photographer with a true eye for capturing life, weddings, receptions, events, and nature alike.

In 1966, she achieved recognition by winning the Home Economics Award at Mattoon High School. She was also known for her beautiful voice, sharing her talent in both the Mattoon High School chorus and later her church choir. She remained committed to the class of 1966 and worked tirelessly on class reunions, keeping records updated, and notifying members of changes. Quick witted, with a fun sense of humor, Barb laughed a lot. She loved animals, enjoyed keeping a manicured lawn and flower garden, and hosting pool parties. She was a great sister, aunt, and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Memorial donations in her honor may be made to the Coles County Animal Shelter, 6818 N Co Rd 1120E, Charleston, IL 61920 or First United Methodist Church, 1601 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barb & Denny used to be my neighbors years ago. They were wonderful people. My condolences to the family.* ”

Clayton Leffler - February 02 at 10:35 PM

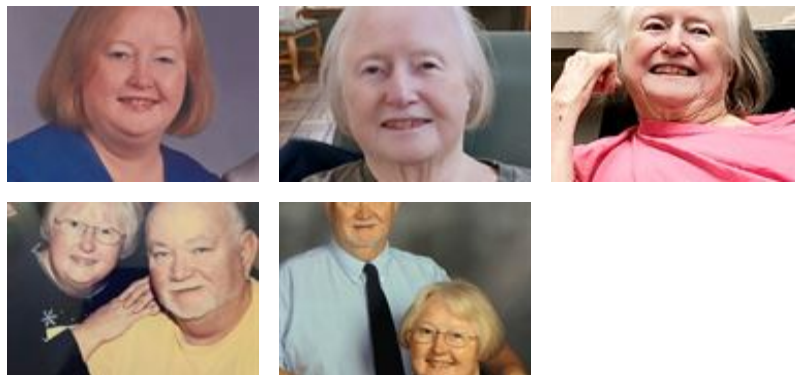


“ *First...Barb was instrumental in keeping the MHS class of 66 connected and informed. When some of us came in from out of town on a random basis, she would organize the GG group for lunch and we out-of-towners would be included and could catch up. Second...I have a memory to share from decades ago in the late 1970's. There was a group of men in Mattoon in a Ham radio club. Bob Boyer and my Dad were in the group. They would meet for dinner every Friday night at Hoot's Steak House. I went one time: Bob and Jean were there with Barb and two of the sisters. I so enjoyed their quick wit, and ability to see the humor in life's events. We enjoyed their company very much. It was obvious that they enjoyed a wonderful family relationship.* ”

Joan Hanson Sintov - February 01 at 05:52 PM



“ *34 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - January 30 at 07:34 PM

MW

“ Cathy, Brian and Dawn. So sorry for your loss. Barb was such a great person, I remember her at most of our family functions. She was a part of our extended family. She took pictures at a lot of our special occasions. RIP Barb.

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**mindy wingler** - January 29 at 09:27 PM

JW

“ Barb and Denny used to live next door to me. Loved them both. Barb, Rest In Peace, my friend.

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**Janet Woelber** - January 28 at 10:11 PM

MS

“ My sister Victoria Reible, was a member of the GG's. She passed away February 20, 2025. She also loved being a part of that group. She talked fondly of Barbie. That group of girls was also very, very good friends.

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**Michelle Skinlo** - January 28 at 09:58 PM