



Barbara J. Bridges

July 7, 1927 - September 26, 2025

Barbara J. (Stiff) Bridges joined her LORD and Savior Jesus Christ on September 26, 2025. She passed peacefully at Odd Fellow-Rebecca Home. A private graveside service in her honor will take place at a later date. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Barbara was born July 7, 1927, in Mattoon, IL to the late Merle and Rosa Stiff. She married William R. Bridges on June 14, 1947, in Mattoon, IL; he preceded her in death on April 3, 2000. Barbara is survived by her daughter, Diane Brewer (Steve), grandson Jeff (Jen), granddaughter Libby Grazian (Tim), great granddaughters Maggie Mulconrey (Joseph), Molly Brewer, Talia Grazian (Ethan Osborne), Ellie Brewer, Zoe Grazian, Betsy Brewer and great grandson Matai Grazian. Barbara will also be lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews as well as great and great-great nieces and nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Bridges; her siblings, Shirley Goudie, Lew Stiff and Harold Stiff.

As a young mother, Barbara anchored her family as a devoted homemaker. In 1971, upon raising her family, she became the office manager of Hillman's Jewelers for the next 25 years. Barbara was a lifelong member of the First Christian Church of Mattoon, now known as Community Christian Church. Friendships were important to Barbara whether they were forged online through Facebook or in person meetings at Cracker Barrel. She was loved by all. She was a wonderful wife, mother, "G.G" and Aunt Barb. Memories of her

will be forever cherished.

Diane and cousin Lisa are grateful for the exceptional loving care she received at Odd Fellow Rebecca Home, Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital, and Hospice.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Humboldt Township Cemetery

Humboldt, IL 61931

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Diane, what a blessing to have had your mother for so many years! She was truly loved by family and so many friends, new and old. I was so happy to have met her. She is Home, my friend. It's a party in Heaven, hugged by Jesus and so many already there! Loving and missing her with you! ❤️*

Leslie Icenogle Schupbach - October 01, 2025 at 09:40 PM

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“ *A delightful lady who was always kind and thoughtful.*



Cheryl Riley - October 01, 2025 at 07:10 PM

PP

“ *Paula Pogue lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Bridges*



paula pogue - October 01, 2025 at 04:54 PM

PP

We loved Barb so much. She was always a bright light to those she was around. 🙏

paula pogue - October 01, 2025 at 04:55 PM

JW

“ Lisa and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss but so okay with Aunt Barb being at peace.
She was an awesome person! I will miss seeing her and pushing
her wheelchair in the hall. Hugs to all!

Janet Woelber - October 01, 2025 at 09:53 AM

DH

“ Dennis And Debby Hite lit a candle in memory
of Barbara J. Bridges



Dennis and Debby Hite - October 01, 2025 at 09:10 AM

WB

“ Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of
Barbara J. Bridges



Wanda Baker - October 01, 2025 at 03:20 AM