



Barbara Jean Basham

July 1, 1937 - February 1, 2026

Barbara Jean Basham

(nee Swisher)

Age 88, of Godley, IL, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Morris Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 1, 1937, in Danville, IL, to Roy and Regina (née Longmire) Swisher.

On November 20, 1954, she married Bobbie G. Basham. Their marriage spanned 49 years, sharing life side by side until his passing in 2003. Those years together included decades of family life and memories that remained an important part of her story.

Her working years included employment at the Joliet Armory and Ammo, followed by many years as a waitress at several well-known Braidwood establishments, including Jennings Restaurant, J&A's, and Kevin's Korner. Through this time in the community, Barbara became a familiar face to many local residents.

Family and friends were deeply important to her, and time spent together was truly valued. She enjoyed playing cards and dice and loved her handheld poker machine and playing solitaire on her iPhone. Attending her grandchildren's activities and sporting events brought her joy, and she appreciated being present for those moments. Hair appointments were something she enjoyed, along with dancing and scrapbooking with the help of her granddaughters, preserving the children's activities and pictures. Their annual Fourth of July parties, which brought both sides of the family together,

became a cherished family tradition.

Cooking was another joy in her life, especially her milk gravy, chicken and noodles, and pineapple upside down cake. She also enjoyed her favorite vodka and Squirt. Barbara will be fondly remembered for the time she shared with her family and the many memories made together.

She is survived by her children, Terry Basham of Braidwood, IL, and Gary (Lisa) Basham of Braceville, IL; her grandchildren, Lisa (Ray) Brackett of Coal City, IL, Rachelle (Randy) Thompson of Godley, IL, Kellie Basham of Morris, IL, Christina (Jerry) Sukley of Wilmington, IL, Kimberly Basham of VA, Kyle (Katie) Basham of South Wilmington, IL, Lauren (Tyler) Schoonover of Bourbonnais, IL, and Morgan Basham of Chicago, IL; and her great-grandchildren, Rhylan, Lucas, Avah, Tyler, Brynna, Calen, Ryan, Liam, Owen, Tucker, Lainey, and Bailey. She is also survived by her great-granddogs, Oakley Kaye, Colt, and Rocky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her grandparents; her husband; her son, Edward G. Basham; her daughter, Carole K. Fromm; two brothers, Dale and Tarzan; her twin great-grandchildren, Reese and Raygan Brackett; and her dearest friend, Carol Hartley.

Serving as pallbearers will be Terry Basham, Morgan Basham, Kyle Basham, Lucas Thompson, Jerry Sukley, and Tyler Schoonover. Honorary pallbearers will be Gary Basham, Owen Dooley, Ryan Sukley, and Liam Sukley.

Visitation will be held at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood, IL, on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.

Funeral services will begin at the funeral home at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Jan Chandler officiating. Interment will follow at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Braidwood American Legion.

To share memories or offer condolences, please visit Barbara's online guestbook at www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory

401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
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Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Inturment

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Tribute Wall

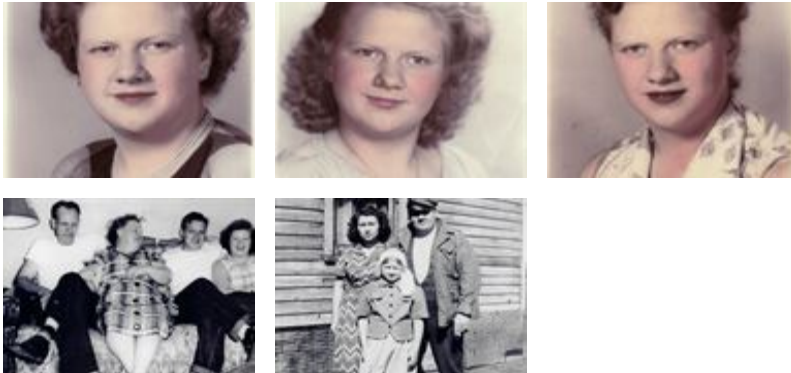


“ Great Aunt Barb always had a smile for everyone and a laugh lingering when her and my grandmother “Louise Swisher” got together the conversation rarely stopped. I had the opportunity to work along side her and my Mother Regina Noel Swisher at Kevin’s Korner for a couple years. 💖 A beautiful soul.

Maria Holt - February 06 at 08:37 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - February 05 at 03:22 PM



“ I’m deeply sorry for the loss of your Mother. May her love and memories bring you strength during this difficult time.

Bill Basham - February 05 at 12:08 AM

JB

“ *Judy Bumpous lit a candle in memory of Barbara Basham*



Judy Bumpous - February 04 at 09:18 PM

SF

“ *susie flowers lit a candle in memory of Barbara Basham*



susie flowers - February 04 at 07:59 PM

SK

“ *Sue kelleher lit a candle in memory of Barbara Basham*



Sue kelleher - February 04 at 12:16 PM

DW

“ *Terry and Gary--So sorry for the loss of your mother! I will miss seeing her at the whistle stop when I was there and she came in. We'd talk a little to see how things were going. Such a nice, humble lady! I'm sure the people that new her will miss her dearly! Rest in peace Mrs. Basham, Barb!*

Dan Wilson - February 04 at 10:39 AM

DS

“ Thoughts & Prayers to Terry and the entire family!

Dean Shepherd - February 04 at 08:08 AM

CE

“ Gary, Lisa & Terry, Sending our deepest sympathy & love to you & your family. Barb was a very sweet & caring lady. May all your memories comfort you during this difficult time. Know that you are in our thoughts & prayers.

Chris and Sheree Earley

Chris and Sheree Earley - February 03 at 05:13 PM



JL

“ Oh the memories are the best
4 th of July picnics, growing up with the Basham family, my best friend Carole and her brothers, so much fun. I really like vodka and squirt after seeing how much you liked it Barb I had to try it. Rest in Peace Barb
I will miss you forever
Sending my love to all of the family ❤️❤️

Jeanne Luhrsen - February 03 at 03:36 PM