



## Barbara Kay Ray

January 21, 1939 - August 17, 2022

A Celebration of Life for Barbara Kay Ray, 83, of Decatur, will be on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 1:00PM at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Ray died Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at Valleyview Health and Rehabilitation in Madison. She was born January 21, 1939 in Bellevue, Iowa to Oliver E. & Leona Reichwein Lee.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Denise Robertson, grandson, Brandon Hall, brother, Ron Lee, sister, Linda Holtman.

Survivors include, husband of 61 years, Jerald Ray, son, Jeff (Patricia) Ray, daughters, Leslie (David) Bydalek, Deborah (Mitch) Steenrod, 9 grandchildren, 13 Great-Grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **21**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel  
2105 Beltline Road SW  
Decatur, AL 35601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Kay Ray.* ”



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August 19, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Kay Ray.* ”



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August 19, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ *She was the sweetest, selfless person I've ever known. She was my bonus mom. I will miss her very much.* ”



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**Angela Letson** - August 18, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Barbara Kay Ray.* ”



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August 18, 2022 at 05:03 PM

KH

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Karen Hunt - August 18, 2022 at 04:14 PM

PR

“ Patricia E Ray lit a candle in memory of Barbara Kay Ray



Patricia E Ray - August 18, 2022 at 02:03 PM

PR

“ Barb was a beautiful lady both inside and out. Everyone that met her couldn't help but fall in love with her beautiful laugh, positive attitude, and listening to her great memories. She could remember EVERY detail down to the day, year, time, name, cost, and what she was wearing of every memory she shared 😊 She was my favorite mother-in-law and I was her favorite daughter-in-law. She was a talented quilter, cook, and listener. I will deeply miss our visits and phone calls. Rest in Heavenly Peace dearest Barb.

Patricia E Ray - August 18, 2022 at 02:02 PM

MC

*Barb was a good friend and a definite asset to my family. She never missed a birthday, anniversary or any of life's greatest memories. She could make a quilt that was beautiful with perfect stitches and beautiful patterns. She was always kind. She always had a kind word for everyone. Barb loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would sit and hold them for hours just to look at them. I will miss this special lady. She was indeed a "Lady". I know you are cooking and telling vibrant stories with God. Rest In Peace.*

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**Marie Copeland** - August 18, 2022 at 02:31 PM

DR

*I am going to miss my "long" telephone conversations with Barb. There was never a short phone call with Barb. Even though the miles have kept us physically apart over the years. I was always aware of everything going on in her life through our phone calls. I would learn how many new great grandkids she was expecting, what the grandkids and kids had been doing, and what she had had for lunch that day among other details. Going back a few years Barb was the best housekeeper I have ever known and to this day I am never cleaning house (not one of my favorite chores) without wondering if I was doing as good a job as Barb always did. Prayers and hugs to you Jerald and all the extended family. Love, Diane*

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**Diane Ray** - August 18, 2022 at 03:36 PM

JR

*Barb, we never thought of you as a sister-in-law, just a sister. You will always be in our thoughts and in our prayers for your Heavenly life. Somewhere, I have a picture of you and my brother leaving Wood River in his 1956 Oldsmobile that I will post when I find it, packed to the limits of the suspension, ready to start an epic life's journey of over 61 years. Wow...the things you've been through together, the places you've been, the things you've seen. Now you are on a new horizon to explore. I believe your faith in God and your prayers will be answered.*

*Thank you for loving us, as we loved you. We will miss your earthly presence.*

*John D. and Diane Ray*

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**John D. Ray** - August 18, 2022 at 04:50 PM