



Barbara Ann (Lawhorn) Downey

September 3, 1956 - March 1, 2020

Barbara Ann (Lawhorn) Downey, 63, was surrounded by her family when she entered into eternal life on Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Barbara was born on September 3, 1956, in DuQuoin, Illinois to Mary and Jim "Jr" Lawhorn.

Left to mourn her passing are her two sons Shannon Happold and Jeremy (Beth) Happold and her daughter Amanda Allen, all of Murphysboro.

Her 3 grandsons, Trinity Happold of Carbondale, Jeremiah and Brandon Miller of Murphysboro,

her 2 granddaughters Aspen (Zackery) Mueller of Springfield, Karyle Happold of Murphysboro;

two great grandchildren Xander and Layla Mueller of Springfield;

She is also survived by her 3 sisters, Rosemary Cornell (Steve Abernathy) and Ginger Mason, all of Murphysboro, Mary Miller (Kenny Sanders) of Mayfield, Kentucky,

three brothers Robert Robinson and Cliff (Angi) Johnson of Murphysboro and Paul (Betsy) Johnson of Poplar Bluff, MO;

several nieces and nephews.

loving friend and card partner Eldon Sanders of Murphysboro;

Betty Atchason of Taylorville, IL, who was her sister by heart, not her sister by blood;

and special cousins Barb Bundren and Mike Conley and many other cousins and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather Louis Johnson, who raised her from age 7 and loved her like his own, two sisters Jessica Johnson and Patricia Lawhorn, a half brother Dick Allsup and a nephew Paul Johnson.

Barb was a hard worker and started her working career at the Maid-Rite in DuQuoin and finished by spending the last twenty years as a machine operator at Penn Aluminum. She had unconditional love for all animals and had a mini farm.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Friday, March 6, 2020, at the United Methodist Church in Murphysboro, with Pastor Danny Motta officiating and burial will be at the Old DuQuoin Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church from 10 to 12 noon Friday. Memorials may be made to the family. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann (Lawhorn) Downey*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *MY DEAR friend may you RIP. Like your sister said, this is NOT goodbye it is "until we meet again". You are with your mother now and no longer in pain. When you meet up with my mom and dad could you tell them hello for me and that I still love and miss them! Until we meet again - LOVE ya sis!*

Betty Atchason - March 04, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ *I remember when she first introduced me to the chickens we were out there laughing cuz she was trying to catch when you get eggs for us we could do nothing but laugh. She always made me smile and feel wanted. I miss her so much now*

Seth buschschulte - March 03, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *My sister was a hard working person, she made sure her kids had whatever they needed even as adults. Her heart was huge, her smile bright and her faith strong. She said if God brought me to this, he will bring me through this. He did bring her through the pain and suffering, just not in the way we all prayed for but I know her battle is won and she is with Mom and the rest of our family who have gone before us. This is not good bye little sister, this is UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!! LOVE YOU, MISS YOU AND YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED AS LONG AS I BREATHE.*

rosemarycornell48@yahoo.com - March 03, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss...she was an amazing lady. She loved you all deeply!

Donnie and Lynn Dirden - March 03, 2020 at 02:15 PM

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“ You will greatly missed.

Pauline Gassel - March 03, 2020 at 12:24 PM

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“ So Very Sorry Rosemary For Ur Lose 💔 I Liked Ur Sister She Was So Nice My Prayers Are With U And The Family So Sorry

Noreen Butler - March 03, 2020 at 10:56 AM