



Barbara Schultheiss

October 8, 1934 - March 8, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Barbara Schultheiss

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ANNA

135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois

Barbara Schultheiss, age 91, passed peacefully surrounded by love. She was born in 1934 in Lincoln, NE to Blanche and Glen Plowman, and was one of twelve children in a large and lively family that helped shape her lifelong love for people, community and a deep love for the Lord.

Barbara married the love of her life, John Schultheiss, with whom she shared a devoted and loving partnership. John preceded her in death in 2019. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, and caring for others.

Barbara had a creative spirit and a home that reflected it. She loved decorating, sewing, and making crafts, and she took great joy in creating beautiful things for the people she loved. She also had a deeply social nature and truly never met a stranger. Barbara loved visiting with friends and family,

sharing stories, and making others feel welcome and valued. Whether through conversation, laughter, or a simple act of kindness, she had a special gift for connecting with people and bringing warmth to every room she entered.

Her greatest pride and joy was her family. She was a devoted mother to her three children—Russ, Marte, and Johnny—and a loving grandmother to her eleven grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren, all of whom brought her tremendous happiness.

She was also a home to many, helping those in need who needed a place to stay for months or even years at a time.

Above all else, Barbara loved the Lord. Her faith guided her life, and she was never afraid to share it with others. She lived with kindness, conviction, and a joyful spirit that touched many lives.

Her family takes comfort in the words of scripture that reflect the faith she carried throughout her life:

“Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord.”
— Matthew 25:23

Barbara’s life was a testament to love, faith, family, and friendship. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who were blessed to know her.

A Family Hosted Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 11:00 AM Harvest Church in Anna. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the church.

The cremation of Barbara Schultheiss will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.

Upcoming Events

Family Hosted Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Harvest Church of Southern IL
602 E Davie St
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-0603

Family Hosted Celebration of Life

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ Barbara was such a dear friend of my mom (and my dad considered John his best friend). I dearly loved your mom! I was able to talk to her about things that I didn't feel able to talk to my mom about when I was growing up. Barbara always had wonderful advice to give and was so loving!

Stephanie A McGowan - May 18 at 09:51 PM

JS

“ I met Barbara and John in 2014. I enjoyed visiting with her. Barbara shared stories about Russ as a child. Some very funny stories. I truly enjoyed her company. I felt so comfortable here. I know she loved the Lord with all her heart. I feel blessed meeting such a kind loving lady. My deepest condolences to the family. God bless you all
Jennifer

Jennifer Strouse - May 06 at 05:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Schultheiss.



May 01 at 03:45 PM

TO

“ I want to offer my condolence. I met Barbara at Jim and Beverly's several years ago. Having the opportunity to know what a great man Russ is only validates all the loving memories Jim, Bev and Bren have shared of Barbara's personality and love for her family. Russ I hope your heart is comforted.

Tom Overton - March 17 at 05:12 PM

BR

“ One of the brightest stars I have ever encountered in my life. Aunt Barbara was always such a fireball of energy, talent and creativity! I was so inspired my entire life by everything she did. I don't think there was anything she could not make or do and do it well. Even though I was not blood related, she truly was my aunt and always made me feel like a member of the family. She was so warm, welcoming, engaging and conversational. Practical and encouraging, she would always give me a nudge in the right direction and make me feel capable and special at the same time. She was also such a wonderful lifelong friend and support to my mom, I am so thankful for the special relationship they shared. I feel lucky to have known her since the day I was born. I will never forget her laugh and her positive and sunny personality. She was a huge inspiration and influence in my life and I am so thankful I was given the gift of being so close to her. My love and prayers go out to Russ, Marte and Johnny, and all the rest of her family and friends that loved her - I can't imagine how hard it must be for you without her light in your life.

Love Forever,
Bren

Bren - March 13 at 12:09 PM



Thank you Brenda. You're right My mom or your mom were best of friends and even though we weren't blood related you're always my cousin growing up. I know that my mom loved you just like one of her own kids. Thanks for the kind words.

Russ Schultheiss - March 28 at 09:52 PM