



Arloa H. Barnabo

June 18, 1933 - October 11, 2018

Arloa (Lillstrom) Barnabo died peacefully at her home on October 11, 2018. She was born on Father's Day June 18, 1933 to Mauri and Hilma (Johnson) Lillstrom.

Arloa graduated from Hurley High School in 1951. During her senior year, she fell head over heels in love with her best friend and soulmate, Donald W. Barnabo. They were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hurley on August 10, 1957.

Music played a major role in Arloa's life. She served as an organist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ironwood, MI, St. Williams Catholic Church in Janesville and Our Lady Queen of Peace in Manitowish Waters.

Arloa also helped organize, with the help of the Sister of St. Coletta, a religious education group for physically and mentally challenged children in Janesville, WI. She also worked as a teacher's aide at Glen Oaks School and the Janesville Public School system entertaining the kids with her collection of children songs. Her students knew her as "Mrs. B the guitar lady."

Retiring to their Northwoods cottage in Manitowish Waters in 1989, Arloa enjoyed the outdoors fishing, snowmobiling and sunsets with her loving husband and good friends. She was an avid quilter and an active member of "The small-town quilters". She loved painting wildlife in art class and was also a member of the notorious singing group "The Pinetones"

Arloa is survived by her husband of 61 years Don Barnabo, children Dana (Dan) Sweeney of Madison, WI; Tom (Susan) Barnabo of West Des Moines,

Iowa and Lana Barnabo Knaack of Madison, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday October 16, 2018 at 11 AM at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Manitowish Waters with a visitation from 9:30 AM to the time of the service. Burial will follow in Pinelawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial s may be directed to the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI or HYF/Dr. Kate-Ministry Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Cemetery

Manitowish Waters, WI 54545

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Queen Peace
51 S 93 Hwy 51 Birch Hill Rd
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545
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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Our family was blessed to have Arloa come into our lives when we moved to Janesville in 1981. We were welcomed to the community by Arloa when we moved so that I could accept a position as an assistant football coach for Don Barnabo who was the head football coach at Parker high school. Don was the head coach at the high school, but Arloa was the "Head Coach" of the Barnabo family. We will be forever in debt to Don & Arloa. Don shared many ideas about football while Arloa welcomed two newlyweds, my wife Janis and I with her infectious smile and heartfelt laugh. Arloa shared her kindness with us as revelers would share confetti on New Years. As our family grew we were blessed to have our children experience the compassion that Arloa modeled for others. Whether it be a memory of a delicious meal prepared by Arloa shared during a visit to Waters or a breakfast served in the bedroom of Don and Arloa while Don and I watched 16 mm film projected off the bedroom wall our hearts are filled with great memories of a special lady. Peace be with Don and the entire Barnabo family as they celebrate the life of a lady that made the world a better place.
Joe, Janis, Jenni & Jeff Dye

Joe Dye - October 15, 2018 at 08:58 PM

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“ Sandy and Steve Flaherty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arloa H. Barnabo.



Sandy and Steve Flaherty - October 15, 2018 at 05:20 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arloa H. Barnabo.*



October 14, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Ariel and John Amend and famly purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Arloa H. Barnabo.*



Ariel and John Amend and famly - October 14, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ *Prayers being sent to Donald and family. May she Rest In Peace. Judy & Jim Rundell*



judith Rundell - October 14, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ *The Sweeney Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arloa H. Barnabo.*



The Sweeney Family - October 14, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Arloa H. Barnabo.*



October 13, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Arloa H. Barnabo.*



October 13, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts go out to Coach and the entire Barnabo family. From my high school days on, everytime we got a chance to be with Arloa, she always made my self and family feel so welcome. We will always have those great memories!*

Phil and Hedy Olson

phil Olson - October 13, 2018 at 03:37 PM

LB

“ Auntie Arloa was also my Godmother, and she was instrumental, no pun intended, in molding my early years with her love of music, nature, the Lord, cooking, and overall joie de vivre! She and Uncle Don shared their loving time, attention and summers at the cottage with my brother Larry and me as kids, and those summers were truly the BEST times of my life! My favorite memory of Auntie is when she was teaching me to play “Bridge Over Troubled Water” on her acoustic guitar on the couch at the cottage. My guitar playing career was short-lived, but she fostered in me a great appreciation of music in general, and her time and patience meant the world to me as a young girl. I loved when they took us to Saturday night mass, where she played the organ, and followed that up with going for ice cream cones, to look for the white deer, or watch the bears at the dump!

I'll always remember Auntie for her loving and caring spirit, awesome hugs, and for always treating me, and so many countless others, as one of her own! Rest In Peace, sweet Auntie Arloa! I love you and will see you again one day! ❤️

Lauri Barnabo - October 13, 2018 at 06:40 AM