



Barbara "Honey" Zwiers

November 6, 1914 - December 9, 2016

Barbara Bertille Veronica Troy Zwiers, AKA "Honey"

102, of Boulder Jct, WI, died peacefully with family at her side, on Friday, December 9th at Avanti Health & Rehabilitation Center in Minocqua.

Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1914, Honey attended high school at Mount Mercy Academy, and graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where she earned a degree in education. She taught elementary school in both Grand Rapids, and later at St Mary's in Riverside, Illinois.

She married her high school sweetheart, Joseph Zwiers, also of Grand Rapids in 1939 in the historic log chapel on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Joe was a graduate of Notre Dame, and captain of the football team in 1937.

In 1950 the family moved to Riverside , Illinois, where they raised seven children.

Upon retiring Joe and Honey moved to Minocqua in 1978, and to Boulder Jct in 1988.

Honey was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. Throughout her life, she was active in many parish and school activities and organizations. After retirement, Honey and Joe were volunteers for the Lakeland Food Pantry. Honey was a prolific reader and writer. She loved exploring and observing nature.

Honey is survived by her children, MaryJo (Dick) Hooley, Pam Sullivan, John (Katie) Zwiers, Barbara (Bruce) Lamb, Jim (Kathy) Zwiers, Kate(Mike) Hoff,

and her grandchildren, Moira Sullivan, Schultz Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Alison (Misha) Shemyakin, Andrew (Dinh) Zwiers, Peter Zwiers, Brigid (Michael) Matson, Amanda Lamb, Thomas Lamb, Janel (Dana) Weiland, Jaime (Al) Rogney, and Hannah Hoff, and great grandchildren, William Grafft, Joe Sullivan, Sean Sullivan, Colin Sullivan, Eric Mims, Meredith Weiland, Henry Weiland, and Lydia Bertille Shemyakin.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Honey will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, in Woodruff, Wisconsin, on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the Mass at 10:00, also at Holy Family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Honey's name to Holy Family Catholic Church or Lakeland Noon Rotary.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
8950 County J
Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 356-6284
<http://www.holyfamilywoodruff.org>

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Tribute Wall

LG

“ My name is lisa gilson i am sorry for your loss i know what you are going through. Through i also lost my dad so i know what. You are going through. You. Will. BE. In my thoughts and. Prayes this holiday. Season love lisa gilson jesus will help you though. This if you ask him to if you need to talk you can always give me a call at 715-356-6636

lisa gilson - December 14, 2016 at 12:45 AM

KZ

Thank you, Lisa. Honey really liked and admired you.

Katie Zwiers - December 14, 2016 at 01:28 PM

SK

“ Sending hugs and love !! Honey will always be a special lady in my heart. She will never be forgotten. God Bless you all. Stacey Klein

Stacey Klein - December 12, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara "Honey" Zwiers.



December 11, 2016 at 11:34 AM

RS

“ Dear John, Kate and Family,

Honey was CATHOLIC to the core. She loved God, His Church, Nature, her Family and

Friends. I am blessed to have had her as my friend and our time together was special.

Thankful for the years we had St Rose Circle and working Food Pantry at St Patrick's, Hazelhurst Homemakers, Classes at Nicolet College and all the fun celebrations on the lake...eating, music, singing, dancing and visiting with her family. Sharing our families events and delighting in so many stories. Learning how she became "Honey" because that is what Joe called her and the children picking up on it. Times and marriage at Notre Dame College. Life in a Frank Lloyd Wright home. Trips to her beloved Ireland and the Pubs. Weekend tradition of sharing a Guinness and dancing with John in the kitchen. Our prayer life was important and had great discussions after our First Friday Masses, breakfast at Perkin's seating in the sunroom, walks in the woods or just being on the lake. Precious time together at Avanti, just holding her hand while saying the rosary, sharing hugs.

Honey lived life to the fullness, her caring and loving that she shared with all of us was a joy. When I think of her it makes me smile, as I always will remember her twinkling blue eyes and her smile. We are only here for a visit , Honey's journey on earth has ended but she will always live on in our hearts and precious memories until we meet again.

Thank you.Honey

*Love and prayers,
Rosemary*

Rosemary StJohn - December 10, 2016 at 03:33 PM

KZ

What a faithful friend you were to Honey, Rosemary! We know that you went to Avanti EVERY Tuesday to help pray the rosary with her along with the Holy Family Tuesday Rosary Ministry Group.

Katie Zwiers - December 11, 2016 at 12:01 AM

RS

“ *Honey and I had "martini cocktail" night at Bosacki's when we attended Minocqua Historical Society Meeting and Dinner. Best part was toasting Joe and John.
Our special date was attending First Friday Masses and breakfast at Perkin's and
blessed on occasions when Father Jim was able to join us.*

Rosemary StJohn - December 10, 2016 at 12:32 PM

MS

*Rosemary Honey just adored you. She talked about you all the time.
Thank you for being part of her (our) lives! Love Moira*

Moira Sullivan - December 11, 2016 at 04:58 AM