



## Barbara Plowman

February 3, 1937 - January 20, 2012

Barbara Ann (Reed) Plowman, 74, died peacefully at her home January 20, 2012. When Barbara was a freshman in high school she did a paper about her life. Here is an excerpt from that paper:

"On a cold wintery day, February 3, 1937, in Wautoma, Wisconsin a baby girl was born. She had brown hair, what there was of it, and brown eyes. She was quite a small baby, she only weighed five pounds. Her parents named her Barbara Ann. When I was about eighteen months old I had to have an operation for an abscess by my brain. For awhile my parents did not think I would live, but I wanted to see what this world was like so that didn't stop me." And that sure did not stop her.

On June 23, 1956 she married the love of her life, Ralph Plowman. Together they had two children, Kirk and Kent. In 1969 her and Ralph started their business in Wautoma, WI. In the winter of 1982, they purchased the former Shamrock sales building in Arbor Vitae. They took a chance, packed up the family and moved north. Through tireless work they made Plowman's Marine what it is today. In the last few years, Barbara was not able to work at the business but still ran the show from home. She worked right up until the end. We will not be surprised to find one of Barb's notes for years to come. Her Love, Vision and Friendship will never be replaced.

She leaves behind her husband of 55 years, Ralph (Arbor Vitae); children, Kirk (Vicki) and Kent (Amy Jo); 3 grandchildren, Shelly Lee Kwiatkowski, Austin Jeffery Plowman and Conner Reed Plowman; one brother, Richard

(Janet) Reed, Eugene, Oregon and one niece, Alicia Reed, San Diego.  
A Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 25,  
2012 at Bolger Funeral Home-Woodruff Chapel, with a Funeral Service at  
6:30 PM. A private interment will take place on Thursday, January 26, 2012.

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Ralph, Kent and Amy and Kirk and Vicky,  
We are so saddened to hear about Barb. She was a special lady  
and we will miss her so much. Our love and prayers are with you all  
during this time and in the days to come.*

*Love,  
Chris and Jim*

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**Chris Stengl** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

AP

“ *Barb,  
I miss you so much you were more then just a mother in law you  
were my best friend. Your son and Grandson's miss you like crazy. I  
will miss our long heart to heart chats and all the help and  
mentoring to take over and do the job that you made look so easy  
for more then forty years. I love you! Amy Jo Plowman*

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**Amy Jo Plowman** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

KG

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Plowman's family.*

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**Keri Gray** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JD

“ *I am very sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She was a wonderful  
lady whose enthusiasm and optimism were contagious. Your family  
is in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**John and Melissa DeVantier** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

TT

“ *Barb was a fun person and I enjoyed cutting her hair in the Salon as well as in her home. I will miss my friend. Ted Thomas*

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**ted thomas** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

WN

“ *My condolences to you for the loss of your wife and mother. From the Wayne Nasi family.*

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**Wayne and Bridgette Nasi** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

VK

“ *Ralph, Kirk, Kent, and family.. Jerry and I are deeply saddened by the loss of your wife/Mother Barb.. What a joy it is always to stop by and see you all smile.. you are in our prayers and thoughts.. Sincerely, Valerie and Jerry Karr*

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**Valerie and Jerry Karr** - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM



“ *We were very saddened to hear of Barb's passing. We always enjoyed her lovely smile. What a fine and wonderful lady.*

*Doug, Carol, Bob and Laurie*

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January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM