



## Barbara Louise Eckert

April 19, 1943 - December 2, 2016

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GREEN VALLEY, AZ - Barbara Louise Eckert (nee: Griffith) passed away unexpectedly at her winter home in Green Valley, AZ on Friday, December 2, 2016. Barbara was born on April 19, 1943 and her parents were Harold and Alma (nee: Huber) Griffith. She grew up and remained a resident of Racine until she moved to Eagle Lake, in Racine county 14 years ago.

Barbara was a wonderful friend to the countless people she knew at Roosevelt Elementary, Washington Jr. High and through Wm. Horlick High School. She attended Prospect Hall in Milwaukee following high school and then worked for Jacobson Mfg. for many years. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Concordia University and a Master's of Management from Cardinal Stritch University. Her work history also included Allegany-Ludlum in Pittsburg, PA, Aaron, Inc. in Racine, WI and Waukesha Engine in Waukesha, WI, where she retired in 2009 as Manager, Compensation, Benefits and Labor Relations.

Barbara married Wayne Robert Eckert on August 22, 1964 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Racine, WI and they had one son, Griffin Jon Eckert, born July 1, 1976. Barbara and Wayne later divorced but remained good friends throughout the years.

Barbara was active in many organizations, including the Eagle Lake Property Owners Improvement Association (ELPOIA) on Eagle Lake, the Horlick, Class of '61 Reunion Committee, and the Waukesha Engine Historical Society. She

loved music, especially Jazz, boating and being near the water and traveling to Chicago, Milwaukee and the Fireside Theater to see musicals, plays and go shopping. She attended the Living Faith Lutheran Church (formerly Atonement Lutheran) and traveled to Mt. Meru, Tanzania on two occasions with mission groups from the Church. She also supported the HALO organization.

Surviving cousins include the John (Marisue, deceased) Nibe family, including Kristen, Jill, Matthew, Sarah and Hope and their families and also Patricia Griffith Kondrat and her sons Daniel, Michael and Brian Neimeyer. She is also survived by special friends Ed Hunt, Judy Amundsen, the Victor Rameker family as well as many other long-time friends too numerous to mention. Barbara was preceded in death by her son, Griffin, and former husband, Wayne Eckert.

Memorial services and visitation will be held at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Ave, Racine, WI 53405, on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Visitation from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m.

Memorials to the Mt. Meru Tumaini Health Clinic, c/o Pastor Denise Mbise, 3500 Washington Avenue, Racine, WI 53405 or to a charity of one's own choice has been suggested.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

Racine, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Living Faith Lutheran Church  
2915 Wright Avenue  
Racine, WI

## Memorial Service

JUN 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



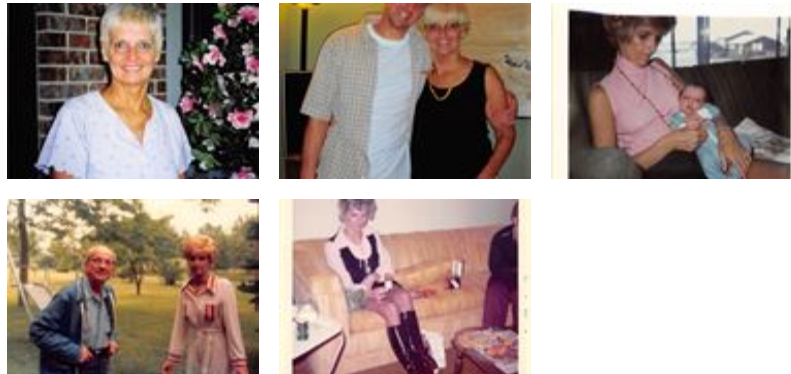
“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Louise Eckert*



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“ *Barb was a wonderful friend and fellow employee to the Dresser Industries family in general and especially to the local Waukesha employees. She was kind, witty, smart, generous...and many other great qualities. We will all miss her.*

*Paul Bryant*

Paul Bryant - February 28, 2017 at 10:41 AM

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“ *Barb Eckert was a great friend and fellow employee at Waukesha Engine. I miss her with all my heart. May she rest in peace.*

*G. Dean Smith*

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**Gaylord Dean Smith** - February 28, 2017 at 09:40 AM

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“ *Barbara is a wonderful wonderful friend offering her friendship to me when I was a young bride from Singapore. I was innocent of the American culture but she very gently guided my hands and taught me to laugh at myself. We have so much in common that we were never apart even though I had to move back to Singapore in the 80's. We kept In constant touch over the years and often talked about the time when we would be able to enjoy each other more in our twilight hours. Barbara I love you so much and I will miss you a lot.*



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**Corinna Rameker** - December 19, 2016 at 08:57 PM