

Barbara Jean Rivers, daughter of Orville and Dorothy Schmidt, was born on April 13, 1952 in Morris, MN. Barbara attended Herman High School and graduated in 1970. Shortly after graduation she married David Rivers and they had two children, Julie and Scott. The family moved to Blaine where they raised the children and resided for the next 41 years. Barbara worked as an auditor in the Target corporate office for 25 years and if it was up to her, it would have been longer.

She had a fascination with genealogy and loved to explore her family's past. She enjoyed scrapbooking and crafts that mostly centered around family. Her favorite events of the year include her annual sister's weekend and the bright fireworks on the Fourth of July. Anyone who met her would tell you about her great smile, positive attitude, and delicious caramels. Barbara was a great baker and provided treats for multiple events including the MS charity walk. Barbara loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Barbara is survived by her husband, David Rivers; children, Julie (Doug) Kuehn of Eagan, Scott (Shannon) Rivers of Milaca; mother, Dorothy Schmidt of Perham; seven sisters and two brothers; grandchildren, John Rivers, Caiden Kuehn, Michael Rivers, Ailey Kuehn, Donovan Kelly, Torrey Hook; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Orville Schmidt.

In Loving Memory



Barbara Jean Rivers

1952-2022

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savoured much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Memory of

Barbara Jean Rivers

April 13, 1952 † June 10, 2022

Celebration of Life

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota

Thursday, June 16, 2022

11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend John Martinson

Music

"Amazing Grace"

"How Great Thou Art"