



## Barbara L. Downs

May 29, 1941 - May 24, 2020

Barbara Downs, age 78 of Benwood, passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020 at home, with her family by her loving side.

She was born May 29, 1941 in Deep Valley, PA daughter of the late Eugene and Willa McCardle Brown.

Barbara was a former RN at OVMC and a school nurse for Marshall County Schools, for 38 years. She was an OVMC Alumni, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #18, and the MCR Employees.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and going to Florida in the winters with her husband, James.

She was preceded in death by her loving devoted dog, Mandy.

Survivors include her husband, of 56 years, James Downs; one daughter: Dana (Alva) Shrontz of Lansing, OH; two sons: James (Theresa) Downs of Mozart and Eric Downs of Benwood; one sister: Renee (Dennis) Coe of Cameron; six grandchildren: Kial (Jessica) Downs, Nichole (Scott) Surface, Cameron (Andrew) Brown, Courtney Downs, Brianna Downs, and Alysa Crook and her fiancé' Chris Lake; three great-grandchildren: S.J. and Luke Surface and Paxton Brown and two nephews: Matthew (Juli) Coe and Christian Coe.

At Barbara's request, a private family graveside service and interment will be held at the convenience of the family, at Halcyon Hills Memorial Park, Sherrard, WV.

Arrangements entrusted to the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1

Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Animal Shelter, 37 Animal Shelter Drive, Moundsville, WV 26041 or a charity of donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Halcyon Hills Memorial Park**

Sherrard, WV 26003

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Downs' passing. Prayers go out to her family. Until now, I did not realize I had gone to school with her children or that she was from Cameron and related so closely to people I knew. It is funny how small the world is.

*Kathy Chambers Richardson*

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**Kathy Chambers Richardson** - June 06, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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“ Dana, Jimmy and Eric,  
I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom. You and your family are in my thought and prayers..

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**Joni (McWhorter)Morris** - May 31, 2020 at 06:11 PM

JF

“ Our entire 1962 Class of the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing extend our sincere sympathy to Barb's family. We will hold on to our memories of many special times spent with her...back in the good old days. May God bless and strengthen each of you during this difficult time. Sincerely, June (Bogers) Franko, representing the Class of 1962.

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**June Franko** - May 28, 2020 at 07:06 PM

NM

“ Jim,  
Your Mother and my wife Kaye who passed away 9 years ago graduated from the OVMC together. Kaye always spoke very highly of her. I remember they went to a couple of reunions together. I am sure she will be missed

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**Neil Meyers** - May 27, 2020 at 05:59 PM

SC

*My condolence to you and family Jim during this sad time*

**Spencer Curry** - May 28, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Downs.*



May 27, 2020 at 10:03 AM

DS

“ *I know you are at peace now mom, and even though this family is heartbroken and miss you so much, we will never forget all that you sacrificed to make each and everyone one of us feel how much love you had for us. You were our ray of sunshine. Even though I no longer get to talk to you everyday and hear I love you at least two or three times throughout our talks , it is bedded in my heart. You are my hero. I will try to start watching wheel of fortune and jeopardy so feel free to come and sit next to me. I will have your chocolate ice cream cone waiting for you. I loved that you were my mom. Thank you for everything. Happy Birthday this Friday. Love your daughter forever and ever*

**dana shrontz** - May 26, 2020 at 09:40 PM

PK



**Patsy Keller** - May 27, 2020 at 09:57 AM

CE

*Barb and I were classmates at OVGH and worked with her at RMH. My sympathy to your family. Rest in peace, Barb.*

**Carolyn Ericsson** - May 27, 2020 at 11:34 AM

DS

*So sorry to hear about your mom Dana.*

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**Danny Smith** - May 27, 2020 at 03:36 PM

DH

*Barbara and I were classmates at OVGH. Barb was kind and brought many smiles to my face. Kindnesses last a lifetime. My sincere condolences to the entire family.*

*Dolly [Dolores] Peneschi Haghghi*

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**dolores haghghi** - May 29, 2020 at 08:52 AM

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*Dana, so sorry to hear about your mom. She raised a beautiful daughter and left behind an awesome generation after generation legacy. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Sincere condolences, thoughts, and prayers. ❤️*

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**Traci Naples** - June 03, 2020 at 12:49 PM