



Barbara L. Dierkes Rush

October 29, 1947 - June 26, 2017

Barbara L. Dierkes Rush, age 69, of Powhatan Point, OH, formerly of Dunkirk, NY, Moundsville, WV, and Clarington, OH died Monday, June 26, 2017 in Wheeling Hospital Medical Park.

She was born October 29, 1947 in Glen Dale, WV the daughter of the late Walter and June Peabody Dierkes.

She attended first grade in Clarington, moved to Dunkirk in 1954, and attended school in NY until 1963 when she moved to Moundsville and graduated in 1965 from Moundsville High School. She then attended West Liberty State College and WV Northern Community College where she received her State of OH Funeral Director's License in 1991.

Barbara and her late husband, Vernon "Butch" Rush owned and operated Rush Funeral Homes, Inc. of Clarington and Sardis, OH for many years; as well as, owner and operator of the Hazel Daisy Inn in Clarington from 1995 to 1999.

She was formerly employed by North American Coal Corporation's Central Division and Ohio Valley Coal Company/Murray Energy, Powhatan Point as an Executive Secretary, and Public Relations Coordinator.

She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, Clarington; Wheeling Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Ohio Funeral Directors Association; Alpha Tau Gamma/Delta Zeta Society; Women's Club of Wheeling; and was a founding member and current Director of the Ohio Valley River Museum in Clarington.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Timothy A. Rush.

Survivors include a brother, F. Mark Dierkes of Powhatan Point; a sister, Marcia L. Cochran of Columbus, OH; nieces, Alicia (Shane) Theisen of Columbus, OH, Brittany Cochran of Charlotte, NC, Joan Reid (Brent) Lutz of North Bend, WA and their sons, Reid and Justin; nephews, Cody Dierkes of Powhatan Point, and Douglas C. (Ann Francis) Reid and their son, Kian of Wenatchee, WA; and a sister-in-law, Mary Alice Rush Reid of Tucson, AZ. Family will receive friends on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home, 125 Clarinda Dr., Clarington where funeral services will be held Friday at 11am with Rev. Terry Pringle officiating.

Interment in Clarington Cemetery, Clarington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tim Rush Memorial, Mr. River Award, c/o First National Bank, PO Box 147, Powhatan Point, OH 43942 or Ohio Valley River Museum, 112 Ferry St., Clarington, OH 43915.

Cemetery Details

Clarington Cemetery

Market Street
Clarington, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Clarington
125 Clarinda Drive
Clarington, OH 43915
(740) 458-1372
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

JUN 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Clarington
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Funeral Service

JUN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ *It saddens me that I only got to meet Barbara one time. But I'm so happy that we finally did get to meet. I had only heard good things about her from Mark. It was always a pleasure to chat with her online. I know that I will continue to get to know her through the memories of Mark. It's a difficult thing to go through losing a family member and I will continue to keep the family in my thoughts and prayers.*

pam martin - July 12, 2017 at 11:15 PM

PC

“ *So shocked hearing about Barbara, she was always a wonderful and kind person to our family! So appreciate her and Butch looking after our Grandma Hazel Daisy Comer when she was living and even when it was her time to go Home to Heaven! Also when it was time for our Father, Mother and Sister to go Home too... My prayers are with all her family and friends at this time.... may you find comfort in the glorious reunion she must be having with all her loved ones who knew our Heavenly Father!!! I Look forward to that time myself! ;-)*

Pat Comer - July 01, 2017 at 12:50 PM

CS

“ *Barb was such a sweet, nice person. She held our class together. I'll really miss her. I'll echo Rich. Rest In Peace, sweet Barb. CeCile Steelr*

CeCile Steele - June 30, 2017 at 08:13 PM

AS

“ Barb , Connie and I were sisters by choice and friends thru love. We will miss you and your beautiful spirit . You , Tim and Butch are together forever. No pain, just God's love in his beautiful heaven . When you run into Mom and Dad give them a hug and kiss for me my sister . I love you and forever will miss you ;-(. RIP ❤️❤️❤️

Anne Heidelberg Shepherd

Anne Heidelberg Shepherd - June 30, 2017 at 07:06 AM

BS

“ Barb was one of the solid foundation employees that made working for North American Coal Corporation Central Division so special.

She was one of a kind and was the glue in the binding that brought everyone together. She always had a smile on her face and had a warm and genuine willingness to help others.

Her dedication and commitment to the North American Coal re-union and other causes was remarkable.

Barb had a great spirit and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

God Bless that spirit.

Bob F. Schmidt - June 29, 2017 at 02:16 PM

TS

“ *The Solution Center at Safeware purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.*



The Solution Center at Safeware - June 29, 2017 at 01:01 PM

JS

“ *Jeanne Stewart Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush*



Jeanne Stewart Sullivan - June 29, 2017 at 12:39 PM

JS

You will be missed greatly Barbara, by so many friends and your very large loving family. Thank you for being my friend, albeit for a short time. Your kindness, grace and beauty (inside and out) will be remembered for a very long, long time. The fact that we both shared the love of our Cavaliers is what bound us as friends and I hope that your Lizzy and Ruby have found their Mommy in Heaven. You are all a family together again; Butch, Tim, Ruby and Lizzy now have their beautiful Barbara with them again. RIP dear lady...the Lord gained a beautiful new angel.

Jeanne Stewart Sullivan - June 29, 2017 at 12:45 PM

RM

“ *RICH DOTTA & CATHY MORRIS lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush*



RICH DOTTA & CATHY MORRIS - June 29, 2017 at 09:48 AM

RC

BARB WAS A SPECIAL LADY. RICH AND HIS MOTHER DELORES WERE SPECIAL FRIENDS TO HER. I LIKED BARB FROM THE FIRST TIME I MET HER. SHE WAS SO KIND. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO HER FAMILY RICH DOTTA AND CATHY MORRIS

RICH DOTTA & CATHY - June 29, 2017 at 09:50 AM

LO

“ I was truly saddened and heart broken to learn of Barb's passing. We have been friends since attending college at West Liberty. We had so many good times together. Even though we lived so far apart we felt like we had seen each other only yesterday when we got together again. I will remember all the fun we had together and her warm and welcoming family. My condolences to Marsha and Mark. Rest in piece dear friend.

Lexie OMalley - June 29, 2017 at 09:35 AM

PC

“ I only really got to know Barb thru my husband Dave over the years as they worked on the North American coal reunions. She was a wonderful person and always organized when it came to those events. Her son Tim graduated with our son Matt. Her life was filled with joy and pain but the worst is now over. She is with her family in a place where no pain exists. When u see Dave up there tell him we love and miss him dearly. We will all be together again one day and then then party will go on. Sincere condolences to Mark and Marcia and there families

Pam Corwin - June 29, 2017 at 09:10 AM

BS

“ Well, my friend, we worked together, traveled together and basically just had a great time. You were always a great friend and mentor. Our other plans we will have to wait until we see each other again. I am glad you are no longer sick but I will miss you forever. I love you, Barb. Barb Stora

Barb Stora - June 29, 2017 at 08:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.



June 29, 2017 at 06:11 AM

CD

“ Barb was such a beautiful lady inside and out, so friendly and so smart. She will be missed by everyone. My heartfelt sympathy to her brother and her sister and all of her family. RIP sweet Barb. Carolyn Jack Dunfee .



Carolyn Jack Dunfee - June 29, 2017 at 12:24 AM

BD

“ Betty Duffy lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush



Betty Duffy - June 28, 2017 at 07:02 PM

BD

The MHS Class of '65 loss another wonderful classmate this week. Barb was always a kind, caring classmate with a smile for everyone! She was also one of the organizers of our monthly get together. She leaves lots of happy memories ...and the world a better place. Enjoy your new phase of life, Barb!

Betty Duffy - June 28, 2017 at 07:20 PM

RK

“*Barb and I met probably just like Betty Durden Cully in French Club at Moundsville High School. She was always kind and helpful no matter the situation--no matter the individuals involved!*

My late Husband, Florian, got to meet Barb when we were visiting Moundsville for my High School Reunion 5 years ago (our 65th Birthday Party). He was very impressed by her knowledge of the many different boats that worked on the river when that was the only way commerce was moved to and from different towns along the Ohio River and the layout of the Ohio Valley River Museum itself. If memory serves me correctly, Betty was visiting at the same time and we all had a great time together.

Barb was a truly generous person with a big heart to go along with her big smile. I'm sure the Class of '65 will definitely miss her- -I know this 70th Birthday Party on September 8, 2017, won't be the same without her. Rest In Peace, sweet Lady!

Rich Knight

Rich Knight - June 28, 2017 at 05:52 PM

CJ

“ So sadden to read that Barb has passed away. When I first came to Clarington in 1970, Barb & Butch were the first friends I made. Barb was the most caring, thoughtful sweetheart of a lady to all. She cared about the town and the people. She will always be remembered by so so many....May God give his comforting to all of you...



Carol Jones/McLain - June 28, 2017 at 05:22 PM

RC

“ Our sincere sympathy to Marcia, Mark and families. We will miss Barbara, she was a dear friend and a strong courageous lady. We admired her so much. Rest in peace Barbara, Love and will miss you Ruth and Howard Canaday

Ruth Canaday - June 28, 2017 at 05:18 PM

SS

“ Susan Huff and Shane purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.



Susan Huff and Shane - June 28, 2017 at 04:37 PM

LJ

“ Lila Jones lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush



Lila Jones - June 28, 2017 at 04:18 PM

MS

“ *Mick Stora purchased the Dearest One Casket In sert for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.*



Mick Stora - June 28, 2017 at 02:49 PM

BR

“ *I only knew (Aunt) Barbara a short time but it felt like forever! She's the sweetest soul and always held such great conversation. I'll always remember the trip to her house for Easter. She will be missed always.*

*Love,
Brittnee & Harper.*



Brittnee - June 28, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.*



June 28, 2017 at 01:26 PM

CM

“ There are too many words for this space to begin to describe our 49 years of being BFF's. Part of my heart has been torn away. Love you and miss you horribly, Our friendship goes on forever. Connie

Connie Majors - June 28, 2017 at 12:38 PM

JG

“ Barb was the kindest lady and my dad, James Brockwell, had the highest respect for her. She worked with my dad during his years at North American. Dad took us as kids to her house in Clarington every Halloween! Later I stayed weekend at H.D. Inn. It was so beautiful and Barb was a wonderful host. I have a piece of glass from the Inn I bought from her. She will be missed by many!

Janet A. (Brockwell) Grimes - June 28, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.



June 28, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ Kathy Harman lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush



Kathy Harman - June 28, 2017 at 08:00 AM

LF

“ love Dennis & Tina Peabody & Family purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.



love Dennis & Tina Peabody & Family - June 27, 2017 at 11:57 PM

JS

“ John and Anne Shepherd. (Anne Heidelberg Shepherd) purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.



John and Anne Shepherd. (Anne Heidelberg Shepherd) - June 27, 2017 at 11:48 PM

BC

“ Barbara and I met in French Class her first day at MHS. We became good friends then and continued to see each other throughout our lives. Our husbands got along, and the fun times continued whenever we could manage to meet somewhere or I would return for high school reunions or she would visit us. She had a strong soul that withstood heart-ache. I admired her inner strength so much. She had such empathy for friends and family. She was an amazing lady that many will miss as she touched many lives with her positive outlook, humor, kindness, and hospitality. I will miss her very much. Condolences to Mark, Marcia, their family and the many friends that she had. Jim and Betty (Durden) Cully

Betty Cully - June 27, 2017 at 11:22 PM

BJ

“ *Bernice Jones lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush*



Bernice Jones - June 27, 2017 at 10:53 PM

LC

“ *Barbara was also a member of Clarington Chapter #533 Order of the Eastern Star and was a 41 year member.. She also supported the Dally Memorial Library in Sardis and loved our annual Tea and Style Show. She will be greatly missed by all and remembered as a lovely lady.*
Kay Curtis and family



Linda Kay Curtis - June 27, 2017 at 09:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.*



June 27, 2017 at 09:13 PM

BG

“ Barb was a dear friend and a wonderful person. I had a site visit with my work in the Moundsville area late last summer and we were able to arrange a meeting at the Country Club in Moundsville. She had a luncheon meeting there with a Ladies Club but afterwards we were able to spend up to an hour or so together reminiscing. Barb was our Electrical Department secretary for my years at NACCO so we had a lot in common to talk about. I'm sure grateful that I was able to spend that last time with her. She will be missed. May God rest her soul.

Bob Gunsorek
Columbus

Bob Gunsorek - June 27, 2017 at 08:53 PM

KS

“ I admired Barb's strength and will to move on after losing Tim and then Butch, not too many years later. She seemed to know, even before their passings, how short life could be and the importance of gathering together as family. She was an encourager to me to organize our first family reunion on cousin Butch's side years ago and I was always grateful for that nudge. More reunions followed and she will be missed at the next one. My deepest sympathy to Marsha, Mark and all the family.

Karen Sheffer - June 27, 2017 at 08:52 PM

DL

“ Dee Cochran Luburgh lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush



Dee Cochran Luburgh - June 27, 2017 at 08:14 PM

NB

“ I've many happy memories of get-togethers with Butch and Barbara. I don't know how she managed without the men in her life. She continued to share her knowledge and happiness to whoever was in need. My heart is at ease knowing that she is at peace with her family. You will be missed, Nancy Bourque



Nancy Bourque - June 27, 2017 at 08:06 PM

MN

“ We are so sorry for your loss.

Misty and Rich Nelson

Misty Nelson - June 27, 2017 at 07:39 PM

KR

“ Barbara was a lovely lady, who was always so warm and welcoming. She will be missed.

Karen Romick - June 27, 2017 at 07:12 PM

MC

“ Mary Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush



Mary Carpenter - June 27, 2017 at 06:44 PM

PH

“ *Patti & Rich Hyer purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.*



Patti & Rich Hyer - June 27, 2017 at 05:57 PM

JF

“ *Such a beautiful lady in all ways. Will never forget the kindness of her and her husband
May she be with Butch and Tim and we will meet again
My deepest sympathy
Joni Fox*

Joni Fox - June 27, 2017 at 05:55 PM

FS

“ *From Debbie and Greg Simmons purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.*



From Debbie and Greg Simmons - June 27, 2017 at 05:38 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Daphne Burkhatler - June 27, 2017 at 05:22 PM

DB

“ Barb is my second cousin who reached out to me in our adulthood. Even though we had never met, we immediately realized we were kindred spirits as well as being kin. We visited each other and emailed and talked by phone all these many years. I was lucky enough to visit while her parents, Walter and June, were still with us and Walter was able to tell me many tales about my father (they were first cousins and the same age) that I had never heard. Through Barb I met so many Clarington cousins. I will always remember the good times we shared and how we laughed.
Daphne Burkhalter

Daphne Burkhalter - June 27, 2017 at 05:21 PM

SG

“ I was Barb's first baby sitter. I would take the school bus down every week Walter was on Midnight shift and stay with June and Barb. The sit with Barb when they would go out. Always loved her. Saw her Sat. and left her with her big smile So sorry for this sadness. Sue Georges, ClevelandOhio

Sue Georges - June 27, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Dierkes Rush.



June 27, 2017 at 03:45 PM