



## Barbara L. Paton (Barbara Lee Blake)

November 4, 1934 - March 23, 2026

Barbara L. Paton, 91, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2026, at Proctor Place in Peoria, Illinois. Born November 4, 1934, in Mason City, Illinois to Guy and Mildred Hernan, she was preceded in death by her parents, sister Marian Cufaude, brother Leland "Bud" Hernan, and daughter Carol Maxfield.

She was married to Donald A. Paton of Peoria and he survives. Barbara and Don lived in the

Peoria area. Also surviving are three children, John Maxfield (Donna) of Chatham, Marcia Bielser (Earl) of Mason City and Mark Maxfield (Amy) of East Peoria, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Barbara initially married Henry W. Maxfield, M.D. They had four children and resided in Mason City. She later married Glenn D. Blake, and they lived in Morton until his death.

In addition to being a wonderful wife and mother, she was active in several churches over the years, was a real estate agent and actively managed her farmland and investments. She was smart, caring, loving, resilient, strong and accomplished in everything she did. She was valedictorian of her senior class in high school. She enjoyed reading, nature and being with her family. She was an excellent cook.

A graveside service will be held at Mason City Cemetery on Tuesday March 31, 2026, at 11:30 AM with a luncheon at Do Drop In Cafe in downtown Mason City immediately following the service.

The family would like to thank the Proctor Place health care team for their wonderful care during Barbara's final days.

# Cemetery Details

## Mason City Cemetery

N pierce St  
Mason City, IL 62664

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 31. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ We just learned of Barbara's passing and are sorry we missed her service. We have nothing but the highest regard for her and admired her and the family she raised. Our sympathy to John, Marcia, Mark and their families.

John and Gaye Maxson - April 10 at 11:12 AM

EL

“ Sympathy and prayers to the family. So sorry for your loss.



Elaine Long - March 29 at 12:41 PM

JH

“ John Holt purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Barbara L. Paton (Barbara Lee Blake).



John Holt - March 28 at 02:23 PM

JH

“ John Holt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara L. Paton (Barbara Lee Blake).

John Holt - March 28 at 02:23 PM

DT

“ *Dee Thompson lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Paton (Barbara Lee Blake)*



Dee Thompson - March 28 at 12:44 PM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara L. Paton (Barbara Lee Blake)*



Larry and Mary Hundt - March 28 at 10:39 AM

KZ

“ *She was a wonderful person. My sympathy to all of her family for their loss.*

Kay Zimmerman - March 28 at 09:45 AM

LA

“ *Larry And Kim Allen lit a candle in memory of Barbara L. Paton (Barbara Lee Blake)*



Larry and Kim Allen - March 28 at 08:49 AM

LA

*We are so sorry Marcia and family for your loss, keeping all in our thoughts and prayers 🙏*

Larry and Kim Allen - March 28 at 08:50 AM

GR

“ Barbara was a very kind and gracious lady, and always so welcoming to me. Her son, John, and I were best friends throughout high school and I spent several afternoons at her home in Mason City, where she always made me feel welcome and valued. My prayers and condolences to John, Marcia, and Mark, and to Donna, Earl, Abby, Anne, and Mark’s wife and children. You are blessed to have had such a wonderful and loving mother.



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**Greg** - March 28 at 02:09 AM

KW

“ Such a sweet sweet lady who was so generous and kind. We enjoyed doing work for her over the years. She always had a story to tell! Her beautiful legacy will live on through her family.

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**Ken and Michele Wharram** - March 27 at 03:12 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara L. Paton (Barbara Lee Blake).

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March 27 at 12:19 PM