



## Connie Jean Barbee

May 19, 1934 - August 31, 2023

Connie Jean (Stith) Barbee passed away on August 31, 2023. She was born in Atterberry, Illinois, on May 19, 1934. She married Edward Barbee in 1949. She was preceded in death by her husband and her mother, Esther Doyen, and several much-loved kitty family members.

Connie is survived by her daughter Susan (Rick) Carlson; grandson, Michael (Amy) Burke and their children, Jack, Allie and Henry; and by her daughter Shelly (Dave) Flickinger and their daughter, Ember. She is also survived by her special cousins, Donna Hitchcock and Bonnie Messett, with whom she enjoyed the time they spent together writing the history of the town they grew up in, Atterberry.

Connie taught the two and three year old Sunday School class at the Petersburg United Methodist Church for many years and was active with Methodist Women. She and Ed also served as adult counselors for the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She enjoyed the camaraderie in the kitchen helping prepare meals for the church's community dinners.

As a young mother, Connie learned to sew and sewing became an integral part of her life. She enjoyed making matching Easter dresses and other clothing for her daughters, Halloween costumes and prom dresses. She was creative and always had one or more projects in the works.

After working at the Montgomery Ward catalog store in Petersburg, she then worked several years for the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Petersburg helping farmers. She left there to start a new adventure with Ed. Her love of sewing had grown to a love of piecing fabric into quilts and many other items. From that, Aunt Bea's Calicos and Crafts was born on the northside of the square in Petersburg. After closing down the retail business due to Ed's health, they ran the business from their home, providing machine quilting services for many quilters in the area.

Members of the Petersburg Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Connie and Ed served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron and she then served as secretary for many years.

Connie and Ed had many adventures camping and traveling with friends and family. More than once they headed off without a destination in mind, tossing a coin when they reached the end of the driveway to see which way they'd turn.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 9 am to 11am at the Petersburg United Methodist Church, 221 W. Jackson St, Petersburg, Illinois 62675. A memorial service will immediately follow at 11 am with Pastor Rick Pierce officiating. Burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg following the service.

In lieu of flowers, Connie requested donations be made to the Menard County Animal Control, 19376 Sunny Acres Rd, Petersburg, Illinois 62675.

Please visit Connie's online obituary at [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com), where you may share memories and leave condolences with her family.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Petersburg, IL 62675

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Petersburg United Methodist Church  
221 W. Jackson  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-7689

## Memorial Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

SEP 9 (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Petersburg, IL 62675



# Tribute Wall

HE

“ Connie actually taught me how to cook an entire meal for 100 people. We cooked dinners every other week at our church called Community Table. I could have never done this without Connie’s guidance & support. She truly was an Angel❤️

heuby77@hotmail.com - September 09, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Connie Jean Barbee.



September 07, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Jean Barbee.



September 06, 2023 at 02:20 AM

JD

“ I have wonderful memories of Connie at Petersburg United Methodist Church. She had the sweetest smile. Rest in peace, Connie.

jane Davis - September 05, 2023 at 04:23 PM

DH

“ *Connie was as sweet as she was pretty. Lots of good memories of our growing up days in Atterberry. Sending love.*

Donna Hitchcock - September 04, 2023 at 04:56 PM

JJ

“ *Jeff J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Jean Barbee.*

Jeff J. - September 04, 2023 at 01:16 PM

JJ

“ *Jeff J. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Connie Jean Barbee.*



Jeff J. - September 04, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Connie Jean Barbee.*



September 04, 2023 at 08:26 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Connie Jean Barbee*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - September 03, 2023 at 08:11 AM