



Barbara J. Richards

1950 - 2016

Barbara J. Richards, 65, of Hixton, Wisconsin, passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She was born May 26, 1950, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Glenn and Ruth (Stamstad) Gilbertson.

Her family lived in various locations before settling down in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, in 1956. Barbara was a 1968 graduate of Black River Falls High School. She then went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where she then received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education.

Barbara was united in marriage to Mark Richards on April 9, 1973.

She had taught in Bruce, Wisconsin, for one year before being hired for the Black River Falls School District as a 4th grade teacher, at Gebhardt School.

Barbara enjoyed cross stitching, crossword puzzles, gardening, going for rides on the Harley with Mark, and spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren. She was a member of Abate.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Mark; sons, Peter (Amy Skroch) Richards of Hixton and Matthew (Michelle) Richards of Alexandria, Minnesota; grandchildren, Kane and Meya; mother, Ruth Strand of Black River Falls; sister, Bonnie (David) Thompson of Pigeon Falls, Wisconsin; foster brother, Richard (Peggy) Evans of Baraboo, Wisconsin; uncle, Robert Stamstad of Amherst Junction, Wisconsin; sisters-in-law, Linda and Gayla; brother-in-law, Greg (Sharon); other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Glenn; sister-in-law, Brenda.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 18, 2016, 1:00 p.m., at Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home, Hixton Wisconsin. Reverend Mara Ahles-Iverson will be officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Rest Cemetery, Hixton.

Family and friends are invited for visitation Thursday, March 17, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home, Hixton.

Family and friends are also invited for visitation Friday, from 12:00 noon until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton is assisting the family with arrangements.

