



Mrs. Barbara J. (Jacobs) Fitch

April 8, 1942 - January 28, 2019

UTICA - Mrs. Barbara J. (Jacobs) Fitch, age 76, formerly of West Street, entered into eternal rest peacefully when she passed away on Monday, January 28, 2019 at Upstate University Hospital with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on April 8, 1942, Barbara was the daughter of the late James E. and Doris Lucille (Hubbard) Jacobs. She was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1960. On October 12, 1968 at St. Francis De Sales Church she married Earl Raymond Fitch who passed away in 1998. During their 29 years together, they shared true love and common interests; she loved him until the day she passed.

Barbara began her diverse working life at the William Calli, Esq. Law Firm in a Data Entry position, and when Mr. Calli ran for State Senator, Barbara was his campaign associate, along with her mom Doris. She later accepted a job at General Electric on French Road, and subsequently worked at Utica Cutlery as a machine operator until her retirement in 1998. Barbara was a conscientious worker and an asset to any of her employers.

A confident, compassionate, free-spirited woman, Barbara spoke from an honest heart, and she stood her ground. If there was a party, she was the first one to join in, and the last one to leave. She was a hoot! She was quite the shopper, and her forté was finding bargains and Black Friday deals, always for the kids' toys. Barbara brought up her children to become the best they could be in life by pursuing their God-given talents. As they matured and their lives

changed, they became best of friends with their mom. When the grandchildren came along they gave her a “new lease on life” and she embraced them with the same motherly love and individual attention she bestowed on her own children. She provided all the important provisions and the precious little things children need when they are growing up.

Barb was blessed with an active, benevolent life. She was a member of the VFW, Malson Jones Post #7393, lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary where she held multiple offices and was a volunteer for the Gold Brick Building Fund, and made many great commitments to the organization. Because bowling was one of her favorite sports, she belonged to numerous leagues at various locations and was a member of the Women’s Bowling Association. Barbara loved the outdoors, too, especially camping at Grassy State Park, Meadow Lanes, and Fishers Landing on the St. Lawrence River, Crystal Lake Park, Belvedere Park in Cherry Valley, and Sylvan Beach at the Marina. Good times were had by all, and everyone was welcome — tents or campers — she loved it all! She was a devoted Syracuse fan rooting for their basketball and football teams, and she was a supporter of the New York Yankees. She was fond of soap operas, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, NCIS, Law & Order SVU, Tiny House/Big Living, Lawrence Welk, John Wayne movies, and Weekend at Bernie’s, a flick that made her laugh until she cried. Her Yorkshire Terrier “Gianna” was a great companion, and Babs would comb her hair and tend to all her needs!

A communicant of Sacred Heart and St. Mary’s Church, Barbara prayed the rosary and found beauty in attending the Christmas Midnight Mass and later listened to the wisdom of Mass on the Eternal World Television Network. Barbara is survived by her beloved children, Lisa A. Fitch; and Jon J. Fitch and his partner Bruce Knowles. She held close to her heart the memory of her daughter Kim M. Jacobs who passed away on September 11, 2013. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren, Jamie Piper; Patrick Breen; cherished great-grandchildren, Nathan Donlyuk, and JaiLynn Seelman; beloved brother and sister-in-law, James E. and Sharon Jacobs; sisters-in-law, Betty Byers,

and Maryanne Fitch; and two beautiful goddaughters, Cherie (Jacobs) Vazquez, and Kristy Citriniti. She will also be remembered by multiple nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and a very special friend, Patti Kenneally who was like a daughter to Barbara. She was predeceased by her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mary and Bob Peltier, Lynn and Josie Fitch, Lela and John Beatty, Jack Fitch, Harry and Ethel Fitch, James Fitch, and Gertrude Webster who she loved so much.

The family would like to thank the Upstate Medical Center MICU Nursing Staff, Dr. Hassan Al-Khallsy, Caitlin Tomki/RN, FNP-C for the love and compassionate care they provided to Barbara. The family would also like to thank Sandy Gubbins for the love and empathy shown to Barbara during her illness.

Visitation will be held Friday evening from 5:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The VFW Post #7393 Ladies Auxiliary will hold a ritual service at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society online at <https://stevens-swan.org>. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Barbara's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Our Lady of Czestochowa where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Arthur Krawczenko. Interment will follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
T'was blind but now I see
T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home,
And grace will lead us home
Amazing grace, How Sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
T'was blind but now I see
Was blind, but now I see.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Whitesboro, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart/St. Mary's Church
201 Main Street
New York Mills, NY

Tribute Wall



“ MY DEAREST SISTER IN LAW WHERE DO I BEGIN. I HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES OF THE HAPPY DAYS WHEN WE WERE ALL TOGETHER.ALL OUR HOLIDAYS PARTYING DRINKING SHOPPING CAMPING AND MUCH MORE.WE USED TO GET IN TROUBLE WITH NANNA WAITING AT THE DOOR WHEN WE WENT OUT.MY CHILDREN LOVED YOU DEARLY AND HAD GREAT TIMES ON WEST YOUR BROTHER LOVED YOU DEARLY AND WANTED TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU BUT GOD HAD OTHER PLANS HE SAW YOU GETTING TIRED SO YOUR OUR ANGEL NOW SO FLY HIGH YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART LOVE YOU SISTER IN LAW SHARON,
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James Jacobs - February 18, 2019 at 01:37 PM

SW

“ Aunt Barb, I Love you for the time you spent taking care of my Mom (Gert) and the loved you shown to her when she was sick, even though you were sick yourself. We didn't have a lot of time together on your visits to Baltimore but I could tell how much of an unselfish person you were. I realized how extraordinary you were just visiting and being around you. Also I know how much I will miss not being together any longer. Like I told you are my “ANGEL”.I'll Love you forever.
Love you as a Son, Steven Webster

Steven Webster - February 17, 2019 at 07:09 AM



“ I wish I snapped a picture the last time I saw Barb. Christmas Eve. When I dropped Nate off. Her awesome pizza was chillen on the stove. She was sitting in her chair. Rosy cheeks. Happy as can be. We were talking and joking around as always. She opened her gift. She was happy. Doing what she loved. That’s how I’m going to remember her.

Gina Donlyuk - February 10, 2019 at 09:30 AM

KR

“ Oh the memories of camping. I remember sitting for hours making the Hot Air Balloons in plastic canvas. You some how ended up sitting to my left and when the yarn would get caught on something I usually ended up getting wacked with the chunk of canvas. Making all those ballons and selling them at the balloon fest at The Lanterns. I remember the many times we would sit at the big camp fires and the SKUNKS walking up on us. Man could you move fast. And I member drinking the pots of coffee Ray would make. It sure was strong coffee. I swear it would have grown hair on a cue ball. I'm going to miss stopping in to see you on my trips up to New York. R.I.P. Barb you were a fighter ❤️

Kathy Remis - February 09, 2019 at 06:47 PM

JL

“ *My Dearest Aunt Barbara,
So many childhood memories to cherish forever, from West Street
to Crystal Lake to family holidays, just makes me smile thinking
about it. We all did a lot of laughing and drinking.*

*God looked upon you and saw you were tired. He didn't want to see
you in pain any longer. He wrapped his arms around you and took
you home. You are missed, a piece of you will always be a part of
me. Farewell for now, fly high and watch over all of us.*

*Ps. The words you whispered "Please keep the Family together ", I
will keep my promise.*

Xoxo RIP

Julie Laribee - February 07, 2019 at 08:31 PM

KI

“ *Aunt Barb, You were the best Aunt anyone could ask for. Thank you
for everything you did for my mom and my fsmily.I couldn't have
done it without you and your Love and help.Jon too! You will be
greatly missed.I LOVE YOU FOREVER! Your niece Kathy
Inestroza, Webster.*

Kathy Inestroza - February 07, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ To my fun loving SISTER this is not the end of your journey but the beginning of your future life with GOD. I know he is taking much better care of you now. You had a good long life and I had the privilege of 75 years to grow up with you as your little brother . We had lots of good times together from you pushing me around in that baby carriage when we were little on WEST STREET and all the friends we had together growing up there. Those were the fun times when we were little. Then you grew up and had a wonderful family. Kim, Ray, Lisa and Jon. They were the love of your life. You had all those fun years at Crystal Lake with all your friends and family and Bobbie and Tom and the Grieg's, Huckabones and all the other that you and Ray hung with there. Then you moved on to camp at Sylvan Beach with your wonderful friend Patty who was your drinking partner for a few years. You had so many friends throughout your life to many to mention. Your son and daughter took super good care of you when you were struggling with your health problems. Now the LORD is taking super good care of you. You are now in a better place with MOM and DAD and your husband RAY and daughter KIM. There are way to many memories to bring up to talk about soooo. BIG SISTER ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY WITH MOM, DAD, RAY AND KIM ALONG WITH AUNT MOLLIE AN UNCLE EMMET. You can all enjoy each other again in HEAVEN. I will always LOVE AND MISS YOU FOREVER ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY SEE YOU THERE DON'T LOCK THE DOOR LOL LOVE

James Jacobs - February 07, 2019 at 10:38 AM

CV

“ My Dearest Aunt Barb, still can't believe you have left us. I know in my heart you are in a better place. I visualize you sitting around the table with Uncle Ray, Nanna, Grandpa, Kim, Aunt Hildred, Uncle Emmet, Aunt Molly and all the rest of our loved ones. I see you all laughing and reflecting on your past and present life. I will always remember the fun times we had. I felt like whenever we where together I would always make you laugh as I would do humorous things. Because I loved when you laughed it made me too laugh. Trips to Florida, bringing you to Disney taking you on Space mountain, you not knowing it was a roller coaster..... I remember you screaming I'm going to kill you kids as we laughed....Goind to Miami after we picked up Nana and Grandpa from Clearwater.....Dancing in your kitchen to walk like Egyptian, giving you prank Christmas gifts to dressing up in BIG SOS (super over sized) jogging pants, doing your hair..... Here's to it, if you ever get to it to do it and may you never get to it to do it. RIP My beautiful Aunt. Till we meet again. Forever in my ❤️



Cherie Vazquez - February 06, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ I met Jon and Barb a few years back and I was truly a blessing Barb is my aunt by marriage and a true blessing in my life. She was a kind and warm hearted women. I enjoyed getting to know her she made me feel welcome from the jump. God has called one of his most precious angels home you will be missed by so many. I love you and so glad I got the chance to meet you. It's not goodbye it's till we meet again give gert a hug for me I love you both watch over us. Not goodbye but till we meet again.

Greta Christman - February 05, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ Dear Fitch and Jacobs Families,

Through Jon I was privileged to know his mother Barbara. She always welcomed me with open arms and made me feel as if I was a part of her family. Visits with her at camp, during the holidays and in her home were always full of great conversation and much laughter. She was so full of life and enjoyed hearing about my life experiences, as well as, sharing hers with me. During her funeral services, with her family and close friends, I got to experience the true wealth of a life well lived. Barbara, I will always hold my memories of you in my heart and thoughts. Until we meet again dear friend...

Much love, Jim Calaprico.

Jim Calaprico - February 05, 2019 at 09:23 AM

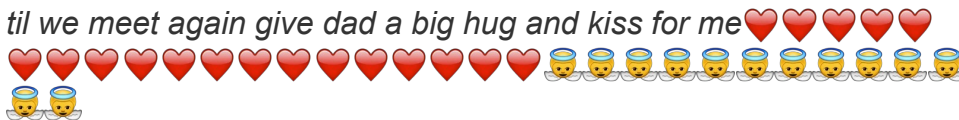
BG

“ Your family and our family always grew up as one family. I am so thankful for the many great years we had spent together at crystal lake. Leaving this world and being reunited with the loved ones that have gone before us can be hard on those that remain. But your family is not alone. They are apart of my family and we will always be here for them and with them. We will miss you.

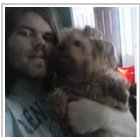
Bobby Gregg - February 04, 2019 at 08:24 PM

 Lisa Fitch

“ To my beautiful mom ,my best friend ,my side kick and my partner in crime (joking) may u be reunited with dad and ur parents and Kim and the rest of the gang no more suffering .u fought a long fight .now may u rest high. Our angel I will miss our daily convos, roadtrips,most of just being with u daily thank you for being u and teaching us what we r today ur the best forever in my heart and soul til we meet again give dad a big hug and kiss for me




Lisa Fitch - February 04, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ There are too many memories for me to pick just 1. Grandma, I love you so much. I'll miss you forever!!! You were the best Grandma anyone could ever ask for. I promise I'll keep making you proud of me 🥺🥹 I know you're always watching over me. RIP Grandma

Alarr Fitch - February 04, 2019 at 08:11 PM

 Bruce Knowles

“ Hey Barb I miss you. I remember sitting at your 75 birthday party nervous as all hell...then you turned to me in front of everyone and said to me surprised your not tired I heard the bed rocking early this morning if I could have turned red I would have that was just one of the many memories that we shared over next 2 years ... you made me feel like I was a part of the family from day one ... right now I am sitting here writing this in tears of joy knowing I got to meet such a strong beautiful woman that I will miss all the days of our lives

Bruce Knowles - February 04, 2019 at 07:54 PM

LB

“ I will always remember the great time we had at the Pin Stripe Bowl game and good times at Stan's. We'll miss you and your smile.
Love,
Laura B.

Laura Bradley - February 04, 2019 at 07:47 PM

KC

“ To my beautiful godmother may you Rest In Peace. I am honored to have been able to spend your 75th birthday with you and the family and to be your goddaughter for the last 40 years . Jon, Lisa, Sharon, and Jimmy my condolences to all of you. I love all of you and remember she is always looking down on you. She is your angel and forever will be with you.

Kristy Citriniti - February 04, 2019 at 07:43 PM

PK

“ Barbara the day I met you at the cutlery I knew we would become family. You were always there for me with your kind words . When I needed someone to talk to you were always there.
I think one of the funniest memory of you is when you got stuck in the booth. Oh how we laughed. Another memory is when we were all stuck in the camper because of the skunk. I'm going to miss you my friend until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand

Patti Kenneally - February 04, 2019 at 07:28 PM

JS

“ Joseph Saracino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. (Jacobs) Fitch



Joseph Saracino - February 04, 2019 at 07:22 PM

JS

“ Barbara,even though I didn't get to know you as well as I wanted, I knew you was a wonderful person through my Bobbie.
She told me about all the ventures at your camp and that you was a very kind hearted woman.
Know that you'll be missed dearly by your family and friends and me Joe saracino your new family member.
Go be with your husband as we worked together in GE,and became good friends also.
Know that your son and daughter will be fine and Patrick to.
Have a good time with Ray and your parents.
A friend of the family. Joe saracino

Joseph Saracino - February 04, 2019 at 07:21 PM

BR

“ I remember all the great times at camp at Crystal lake. Barb was so afraid of skunks. They crossed my site a lot when we were sitting at our fire.

She also was a good one for playing cards and a gme called right and left. She sure knew how to rack up all my money in a hurry.

We had a lot of awesome times together and I will miss her dearly. She was a joy to be around and I'll miss her making me my fruit bar cookies which I never shared.



Bobbie Riddell - February 04, 2019 at 07:08 PM

SA

“ Barb started out as a friend and then became like family over the years, She will be missed. The Holidays were fun she could make you laugh.

Sandy - February 04, 2019 at 07:01 PM

ND

“ I love how grandma would always come plain how I would never where a jacket during the winter I love you so much and going to miss you

Nathan Donlyuk - February 04, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ Barb was the sweetest person I ever knew. Always a smile on her face. We spent many years together camping and having fun at Crystal lake and going to the Moose club in Ilion. You will be missed my friend.Love always, Kathy Gregg

Kathy Gregg - February 04, 2019 at 06:54 PM

BP

“ Aunt Barb

The day has come that you have decided to leave this world and move on to the next. As I remember all the laughs and jokes we have shared . The thing I will miss is the love you gave to all of us. But the most of treasured thing I will miss is your smile. Now you have joined our-other family member please send our love. Heaven has gained another Angel today . We love you and miss you. 🙏🙏

Bill Peltier - February 04, 2019 at 06:52 PM

JF

“ Mom forty-six years ago God gave you as my Mother. I have to say he picked the BEST MOTHER any child could ask for. You were so loving, comforting, caring and provided me with the right guidance and constructive criticism and made me the person I am today. I am going to miss our Mother - Son dinners, Sunday coffee and looking at the newspaper together, let alone our phone calls. I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!!! Rest In Peace! Fly high my ANGEL!!!!

*Love you always and forever,
Jon*

Jon Fitch - February 04, 2019 at 06:33 PM

BS

“ Lisa & Family, I know none of you or your Mom. but Laura is my God daughter and told me of the wonderful memories she has of her and special times spent. Having lost my own Mom, I know how heavy your heart is and how much pain you are enduring. Memories are a gift from God, it is in them our families live forever. Rely on your Faith to help heal your broken hearts. Your Mom will always watch over you. Look to her for strength. "There is no death, just a change of worlds."

beverly schrader - February 02, 2019 at 12:15 PM

BS

“ Beverly Schrader lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara J. (Jacobs) Fitch

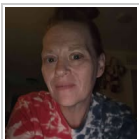


beverly schrader - February 02, 2019 at 12:10 PM

DN

“ Our condolences to Jon, Lisa, and family...cherish the memories....she will always be in your heart and with you always in spirit....Heaven is awesome....she is a happy camper now!

Dawn Newman - February 01, 2019 at 06:11 AM



“ You will be sincerely missed Barb!
Love Always
Debbie Fitch (Herkimer).
Stephanie Fitch, Aubry & Breanne!



Stephanie Fitch - January 31, 2019 at 09:39 PM

BK

“ Lisa, Jon and family,
Lots of good memories from those summers
at Crystal Lake. Your mom was always a
pleasure to be around. Thoughts and prayers
and deepest condolences are being sent your
way. God Bless !



Bob and Dorie Klippel - January 31, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for
the family of Mrs. Barbara J. (Jacobs) Fitch.



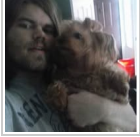
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JS

“ John and Family, from the law firm of Calli, Calli
& Cully, William S. Calli, Jr., and Judy Ann
Schick, and staff, please know that we are
thinking about you and the family, your mother
was a beautiful lady (just like her mother), she
as wells as your grandmother and grandfather,
will always have a special place in our hearts. Our prayers are with
you and your family at this difficulty time.
Judy



Judy Ann Schick - January 31, 2019 at 09:01 AM



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Alarr Fitch - January 31, 2019 at 08:58 AM

LS

“ You will be missed & always in my prayers.
Always - Laura



Laura Kellogg Stockton - January 31, 2019 at 06:22 AM

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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 30, 2019 at 03:07 PM

SS

I Love you for the time you spent taking care of my mom even though you were sick yourself . We didn't have a lot of time together but I could tell how much of an unselfish person you were . After reading your obituary I realized how extraordinary you must have been . Also , I know how much I missed not being together . I'll Love you forever . 😍
😎👉😊👉 LOVE , YOUR SON STEVE

Steven Webster Sr - February 16, 2019 at 11:12 PM