



Barbara Ann Coward

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B arbara Coward Obituary

Barbara Ann Coward (nee Hostutler), 76, of Elyria, died Sunday August 17, 2025 at her home. She was born August 6, 1949 in Elyria and was a 1967 graduate of Elyria High School. Barb worked for Invacare for nearly 30 years. After retirement, she worked in food services with Elyria City Schools. She was a member of Community of Faith United Church of Christ. Barb filled each and every day with the things she loved; family, friends, community and music.

Barb is survived by sons, Eric J. (Michelle) Coward of Willard, OH and Kevin O. (Amy) Coward of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, Jewels (Shane) Lilly, Ashley Rios, Olivia, Annabelle, Sophia and Luke Coward and Brandon and Nicholas Grubb; 2 great-grandchildren and sisters, Joanne (Denny) Lowery and Diane Juke.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 39 years, Gary R. in 2009; parents, Margaret and Barney Hostutler and a sister, Bonnie Hostutler.

Friends will be received Thursday, August 21, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria and Friday, August 22, 2025 from 10:00 am until the time of an 11:00 am service at Community of Faith United Church of Christ, 9715 East River Street, Elyria. Reverend Delisa Buckingham-Taylor will officiate. Burial will follow in Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friendship Animal Protective League, 8303 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria, OH 44035 or The American Cancer Society, PO Box 1981, Cleveland, OH 44106.

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in memory of Barbara Ann Coward, please visit our floral store.

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AC

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Barbara Ann Coward posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Barbara Ann Coward We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM

LC

Love, Brian, Suzie, Ryguy, And Carter posted:

Grand gesture was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Coward by Love, Brian, Suzie, Ryguy, and Carter. Send Flowers Kevin, Amy, Olivia, Luke, Bella, and Sophie: Sending our love during this difficult time. Love, Brian, Suzie, Ryguy, and Carter

April 22 at 8:55 AM

EF

Eric Cerney And Family posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Coward by Eric Cerney and family. Send Flowers Sending love, prayers and strength during this time. Eric Cerney and family

April 22 at 8:55 AM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Barbara Ann Coward. Plant a Tree Loved her presence of Her. Wished we got to spend more time together! Prayers to all her family. Love from you cousin. Janet Crawford, Rita & Bill Milks, Robert and Brenda Stevens.

April 22 at 8:55 AM

LI

Liz posted:

My birthday buddy you will be so missed, young at heart land full of music ,smiles and so much fun , Thanks for the visit to Arizona and sharing many great times, Such a kind beautiful lady, Glad you're with your Gary again, Prayers to your lovely family and many friends,

August 23 at 4:52 AM



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KR

Kathi Rennie posted:

Going to miss you Barb. Your kind heart, warm smile, and infectious laughter could light up even the darkest corner. Your precious family and Duncan were always foremost in your stories. I'll forever remember you as one of the Golden Girls of IVC. Fly high with the angels, Barb. Godspeed! ...until we meet again ♥

August 20 at 9:40 AM

EP

Edward Pierce posted:

Will miss Barb...worked with her at Invacare and shared lots of good times. She was a great worker and a very nice lady. RIP

August 20 at 7:19 AM

KO

Kaye Oswald posted:

Dear Eric, Kevin & family, My heartfelt condolences on the passing your Mom... my dearest buddy and partner in crime. The moment we met at church, we became instant friends, kindred spirits, and I can't imagine not seeing that infectious smile. Heaven truly gained an Angel. And I'm sure she's making sure all are fed! She's with her Gary. May God comfort you all with peace and love. Affectionately, Kaye Oswald

August 19 at 4:47 PM

KO

Kaye Oswald posted:

My heartfelt sympathy to your family. My best buddy, partner in crime will be missed terribly. Barb was a rare jewel with the most caring heart for anyone suffering. Generous beyond belief. I pray God gives you comfort with this great loss. Heaven definitely received an Angel. Love and Prayers, Kaye Oswald

August 19 at 4:32 PM

AH

Angela Herrington posted:

Barb and Sally were the first neighbors to welcome me to the neighborhood, she always said hello when she walked by with Duncan, always made you feel welcome! Barb was such a kind person who will be greatly missed! Hey Barb...don't forget...dessert first :)

August 19 at 11:25 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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