



## Barbara Jean Burton

July 30, 2023

Barbara Jean Burton (nee Ruso) passed away in the early hours July 30th in her sleep at Scarborough General Hospital. She was unable to recover from a hip injury due to a fall because of complications from COPD and other health issues. She was predeceased by her husband Wayne. Barb will be missed by her sister Carole (Dave) Potter and family, her step-daughter Tammy Burton, her grandchildren Brendan and Rebecca Rowe, and all the Burton family. She was born November 16th, 1948 in Lincoln Park, Michigan, and moved to Canada in the early 80s. Barb worked at various clerical positions over the years at a law firm, Canada Post, and lastly at CNIB. She had many interests including photography, crafts, gardening, music, and cows. Barb was known as 'the official family photographer' for many years. She sold many of her crafts as a small-business called 'Udder Stuff', and enthusiastically sang at musical gatherings as a member of the Leopardettes. She loved flowers especially Lupins and looking at the moon. We would like to imagine that Barb is now standing in a field of 'my lupins' under the light of 'my moon'.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Barb: music nights; Blues Festivals; the blues; gardens and flowers; camping; Hillside Festivals; Eaglewood Festivals; RiverFests; Burtonstock Festivals; concerts; campfires; smiles; laughter; humour; funny; fun-loving; singing; tie-die; Udder Stuff; cows; stuffed animals; master stitcher; Turkey Fests; hostess; Leopardette; stalwart friend; loving wife to Wayne; loving sister-in-law to the Burton clan and to Dave Potter; hard life; survivor; generous giving and loving; excellent and intuitive photographer; amateur recording producer; brave; positive outlook; rough'n ready; modest; perceptive; loyal; loving sister to Carol; 'Doctor Barb'; dear Barbie. So much more. Your kindness, fun-loving humour, willingness for adventure, comradeship, generosity, and grand company will always be missed - never forgotten. You are in our hearts forever. We are lucky to have known you, and to have counted ourselves amongst your good friends. Our sincere condolences to the Burton Family, the Rowe Family, and the Potter Family. Maybe you and Wayne are up there singing 'Orphan Girl' with the others. Always. Miss you.



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**Eric Dennis** - August 04, 2023 at 01:34 PM

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**Eric Dennis** - August 04, 2023 at 11:27 AM

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“ I consider myself very lucky to have been a neighbor and friends with both Barb, and her late husband Wayne, over 24 years. Barb was at her happiest when both she and Wayne were healthy, including yearly camping trips to the Hillside Music Festival in Guelph which sadly took place without them just last weekend. Jamaica was their final wonderful trip together. Wayne was an accomplished guitar player, singer/songwriter, and Barb was an adventurous but humble soul with a wicked sense of humor, and a passion for keeping the tidiest, most colorful garden that I envied. Tall, blue Lupins, wonderful poppies and other perennials and a lovely fragrant lilac. One additional single plant also offered some additional fun benefits for them too! All three of us shared a love of all animals, and she fed the squirrels peanuts from her garage even in -20 weather!. Barb's cherished baby was Button the cat, and we spent summer evenings in their yard joined by my own two cats, as Wayne carried Button proudly on his shoulder. Barb was so creative, loved cows, and stuffed animals kept her loving nature alive after Wayne and Button passed and gave comfort during her mental decline. Covid be damned too! As soon as nail spas reopened, she drove to her favorite one to get her toenails colored! They were her pride. Daily wordsearch puzzles were Barb's release, and she was determined to master ALL those pages and said it was to help her brain stay sharp too. I'm sure she had hundreds of these puzzles brought by many visitors and her faithful Caregivers Janet and Richard, right till the end. Both Barb and Wayne declined far too painfully, and left far too soon. Will miss you both till we meet again. Likely over the rainbow bridge with animal friends beside us. Missing you Sweetie, and Wayne and Button too.



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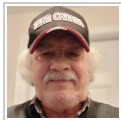
Carolyn Flear - August 03, 2023 at 04:41 PM



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Ted Burton - August 02, 2023 at 06:02 PM



*The neighbours tribute to Barb.*

Ted Burton - August 03, 2023 at 06:39 PM

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“ Barb may you rest in peace. You were a great neighbour and you will be missed



Sheryl Alexandre - August 01, 2023 at 10:17 AM

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“ Sharon@larry lit a candle in memory of Barbara Burton



Sharon@larry - July 31, 2023 at 06:31 PM

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“ *She kept on truckin no matter what and was always fun to be with.  
She will be missed. Condolences to the Burton family.* ”



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**Wayne Webster** - July 31, 2023 at 03:31 PM