



Barbara Ann Dennison

September 30, 1926 - July 6, 2018

Barbara Ann Dennison, 91, of New Castle, passed away on the morning of Friday, July 6, 2018 at Stonebrooke Rehabilitation Centre.

She was born September 30, 1926 in Beech Grove, Indiana, a daughter of the late Ralph and Marie Bailey.

Barbara started singing and writing music very early in life and taught herself how to play the piano at the age of 12. She graduated from Beech Grove High School where she was very active in sports, theatre, music, press club and the Girl Reserves. Barbara majored in voice performance receiving her undergraduate from Butler University, Jordan School of Music in Indianapolis. At the start of her professional singing career, she sang with the Summer Opera at the Stars Under the Stars Opera Company, Starlight Musicals of Indianapolis, Indianapolis Symphony Musicals, Dayton Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony Musicals and appeared in various other concerts and musical venues throughout the surrounding states. She later graduated with a Master's Degree in Voice Performance from Ball State University and obtained 28 credit hours toward her doctorate. She received the Mu Phi Epsilon award, CBS soloist contest winner, Fabien Sevitsky Young Artist's award and Chicago Music News Syndicate award. Barbara earned her Music Teacher's Certificate so she could substitute teach throughout the schools in Henry County. She also gave voice lessons privately in her home and taught

13 years at Ball State University.

Barbara married the love of her life, Randall G. Dennison on August 20, 1949 and moved to New Castle in the early 50's. She was very active in the First United Methodist Church conducting choir for over 28 years and singing for concerts. She loved God and desired that much of her music would be about her faith. Barbara was a member of First Nighters, Mu Psi Epsilon, Altrusa Club, National Association of Teachers of Singing, Matinee Musicale of Indianapolis and in the Performing Artists of Henry County.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Melody Marie Annaed of State of Washington, Katherine Ann Dennison of New Castle, IN, Sylvia Jean Dennison (husband, Robert "Bob" Hogan) of Wisconsin and Margaret E. Dillon of Florida; four grandsons, Michael Hogan, Paul (wife: Mary K.) Hogan, Alex Dennison and Nick Dennison; two great-grandchildren, William Hogan and Margaret Hogan; a sister, Martha J. Bailey; a sister-in-law, Rita Bailey; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Dennison and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Randall Gene Dennison; two sons, David Randall Dennison and John Floyd Dennison; three brothers, Ralph, John and Paul Bailey and sister-in-law, Rose Bailey.

Celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Kinser officiating. A private burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Barbara

Dennison.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

RK

“ *One of the great and kind influences in my younger days. She was a smart, savvy, talented person who loved life and her family. All love to my friend Sylvia, her sisters and the family.* ”

Ronald Keaton - September 17, 2020 at 09:46 AM

AL

“ *I've not known Barbara for long but one of the things I first noticed was her beautiful smile and her strong will and determination. Prayers to Katherine and the rest of the family. Cherish those fond memories, the songs she sang, the people she taught. I've learned from her myself and for that I am blessed.* ”



Alicia Lucas - July 09, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ *119 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Sproles Family Funeral Home - July 09, 2018 at 06:00 PM

BK

“ I am so grateful for Barbara Dennison. She was my voice teacher at Ball State. She saved me my freshman year from a very strange voice teacher & guided me through my college education. Again, I am so grateful to have known her.

Barb Keyes

Barb Keyes - July 09, 2018 at 01:36 PM

JW

“ I was privileged to have Barbara as my choir director at FUMC for several years. She was a perfectionist, and I enjoyed some of her compositions which were a blessing.

Joyce Julaine Wilhelm

joyce Wilhelm - July 09, 2018 at 11:45 AM

JT

“ My thoughts are with you, Katherine! Take care!



Jenny Thompson - July 08, 2018 at 12:38 PM

TM

“ I'm so sorry for your lose. I will always remember my and Anthony's next door neighbor visits w/ her and you, Katherine. You were the best neighbor a person could have because we had so much in common w/ our love of the Lord and our music training and teaching. My prayers will continue for you until His return. Amen and Amen.

Tricia Vander Missen - July 08, 2018 at 12:35 PM

DS

“ I remember her music and voice lessons.

Doug Sloan - July 07, 2018 at 04:41 PM

MD

What a sweet woman. She gave me voice lessons in her beautiful home over 15 years ago when I was still in high school. I then went on to major in Vocal Performance in college where I earned my Bachelor of Music. She had quite an impact on my young life. Her passing is such a loss, but her legacy will undoubtedly go on forever in the many students she nurtured and impacted as well as in the family she loved most of all. My heart goes out to them during this difficult time.

Megan Van Dam - July 09, 2018 at 07:20 AM

CB

Dear Melody, Margaret, Sylvia, and Kathy,

*Your Mother was a gift to our community. She sang beautifully for many years. She was as inspiring choir director, and voice and piano teacher. She always had a warm smile on her face.
Please know that I am very sorry for your loss.ogue*

*Sincerely,
Carolyn Bogue*

Carolyn Bogue - July 09, 2018 at 10:03 PM

BJ

Dear Kathy

I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was such a special woman with such amazing talent. She was one of those women who always struck me as one who could balance family/spirituality/career. She had such a grace about her. I totally lost contact with her and you over so many years, but still remember both you and your mother with fondness.

*Sincerely,
Betsy John Jennings*

Betsy John Jennings - July 16, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Dennison.* ”



July 07, 2018 at 10:56 AM