

Barbara “Joanne” King



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Birth: 21 June 1945 *in* Port Huron, Michigan

Death: 17 August 2023 *in* Marysville, Michigan

Marysville, Michigan -- Barbara Joanne Westrick sailed into the sunset with the southwest wind on Thursday August 17th, 2023. Born on June 21st 1945 to Robert and Jean King in Port Huron, Michigan, she was known to all as Joanne. She lived in Port Huron her entire life, graduating from Port Huron High School in 1963 and she remained close with many of her classmates throughout her life. She was proud to be a “Big Red” and was active in class reunion planning and activities.

Joanne was involved and well-known in the community through her membership in the First United Methodist Church, the Port Huron Yacht Club, and with her many friends made through bridge club and her career in interior design and retail furniture sales. Joanne had a talent for design and loved helping people transform their houses into homes. Following in the footsteps of her father and mother and cousins, she was an avid sailor and loved being around water. Joanne was also a voracious reader of historical and suspense fiction.

Joanne was preceded in death by her brother Tommy, her parents, and many beloved furry companions. She is survived by her daughters Deborah (Walter) Cooper, Katie (David Blanchfield) Pettibone, Jane (Brandon) Aragona, grandchildren Thatcher, Jimmy, and Via Aragona, sister Rebecca (Jim) Beebe, nephews Thomas, Aaron, and Daniel Beebe, as well as several cousins and one aunt. She will be deeply missed by her close friends, who were always by her side.

A celebration of Joanne’s life will be held at the Port Huron Yacht Club on Friday, September 22nd at 5pm. Interment took place at Kinney Cemetery in Clyde Township privately.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Blue Water Hospice House, www.vnabwh.org/donate/ or the Blue Water Area Humane Society, https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=JF2RAJ8Z54SD2.

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