



Barbara Joyce Clay

September 3, 1950 - June 21, 2025

Barbara Joyce (Brown) Clay, 74, of Ingalls, Indiana, passed on June 21, 2025, after a long battle with her failing heart. Her family was able to surround her with love the day before she passed, and we will all be grateful for those precious moments.

Barbara was born September 3, 1950, in Anderson, IN the daughter of Rudolph and Audrel (Blackmon) Brown.

Barbara graduated from Anderson High School in 1968, and still lucky to hang out with her best friend from grade school, Mary Ann Nowzarinezhad on a regular basis.

Barbara married James H. Clay on June 5, 1976, in Anderson, IN. They just celebrated 49 years of marriage. Together, they raised their three children. Jim, Jackie, and Noel

Barbara worked at Brookside in McCordsville for many years and also had her own house cleaning business for several years after that.

Barbara especially loved reading and enjoyed being in a book club with her friends.

Barbara was a member of AMVETS in Pendleton, IN, for many years and was part of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Barbara had a delightful sense of humor, and her family and friends loved making her laugh into tears at the most inappropriate times. Seeing her laugh and tear up was a favorite pastime. Family get-togethers and holidays were so important to her.

Remaining to cherish Barbara's memory are her husband James Clay, children, Jim Clay and Jackie (Smiley) Stevens, Husband Marty Stevens, grandchildren, Spencer Stevens, wife Shebly, Kira Smiley, Lydia Stevens, Husband Evan Miller, Allison Stevens, and Chloe Smiley, great-grandchild Savannah Stevens.

Preceding Barbara in death are her son, Noel H. Smiley; parents, Rudolph and Audrel Brown; brother, Marcus Brown; and sister, Brenda McIlrath.

A celebration of her life will be held on July 12, 2025, 1-3 pm at AMVETS Post 26 Club. 939 S Broadway St Pendleton, IN 46064

Memorial donations in Barbara's memory may be directed to one of her Favorite Charities.

*Riley Children's Foundation,

*St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

*American Heart Association

Online condolences can be made to the family in care of www.loosecares.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Connie Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Barbara Joyce Clay*



Connie Cunningham - June 23, 2025 at 09:15 PM

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“ *Oh Barb, Fred & I just hate this! I enjoyed being around you! Your sense of humor was the best! I'm gonna miss decorating the Christmas tree with you! You take care of the bottom & I will take care of the top! You will be missed in book club, oh hell, you are going to be missed all around!! We will keep an eye on Jim, you know, "He needs watched" Rest easy, you deserve it! Love you always, Fred & Mary Spitz*

Mary Spitz - June 23, 2025 at 07:10 PM

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So sorry to hear this. Worked with her 19 years. And did a lot of car shows and cruises. RIP Barb.

Nancy Decker - June 23, 2025 at 10:31 PM