

Barbara Bjoin, 71

July 16, 1936 - July 7, 2008

HARLAN — Barbara Burke

Bjoin, daughter of Robert and Eleanor (Crowley) Burke, was born on July 16, 1936 in Illinois. She grew up in Bronxville, NY and graduated from Wells College in Aurora, NY. Following college graduation, Barbara went on to a career at the Ladies Home Journal in New York City until her marriage, when she became a full-time housewife and mother.

April 22, 1961, Barbara was united in marriage to Vincent Edwin Bjoin at Bay Pine Chapel in Bay Pines, FL. Vincent and Barbara were the parents of three children: Jeffrey, Elizabeth, and Robert. Throughout her life, she was very involved in her community and church and enjoyed playing bridge, shopping, traveling and time spent with many friends and family. She was also a member of TTT, a philanthropic women's organization whose mission is to send ten-year-old girls to camp. She was a member of the Marshalltown Hospital Auxiliary Board and St. Rita's Catholic Women's Study Group. Barbara was a longtime resident of Naperville, IL and Marshalltown, IA before moving closer to her family in Harlan in March 2007. Barbara died on Monday, July 7, 2008, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, IA, having attained the age of seventy-one years, eleven months and twenty-one days.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Vincent. She is survived by her children: Jeffrey Bjoin and his wife Mary of Burbank, CA; Elizabeth Bjoin of Niwot, CO; and Robert Bjoin and his wife Lynelle of Harlan, IA; five grandchildren: Tracy O'Neal of North Hollywood, CA; Jenny, Brandon, Matthew, and Nathan Bjoin all of Harlan; brothers Michael Burke and his wife Chantal of Chatham, MA and Bob Burke of Sharon, CT; nieces, nephews, and many friends. Memorials can be directed toward Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, IA or Chapter ET of TTT of Marshalltown, IA 50158.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 11, 2008 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan, IA. Rev. Lauri Boysen and Deacon Pat Davitt officiated the 1:00 PM service. Serving as casket bearers were Barbara's grandchildren: Tracy O'Neal, Jenny Bjoin, Brandon Bjoin, Matthew Bjoin, and Nathan Bjoin. Lunch was held at the Harlan Golf & Country Club in Harlan following the service.



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