



Barbara Jean Genung

March 28, 1944 - April 7, 2026

Barbara Jean Genung age 82 of Custer passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Barbara was born on March 28, 1944 in Johnson City, New York, the daughter of Edmund and Josephine (Guley) Namiotka and grew up in the Johnson City area. Following her graduation from high school, Barbara served her country with the United State Air Force where she met her future husband Glen Genung. They married on September 12, 1964 in Binghamton, NY and celebrated 26 years together before Glen preceded her in death in 1991.

Barbara and Glen raised their family on military bases throughout the United States eventually making Custer, MI their home. Barb worked for Mason County Eastern Schools as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. She was very involved in all school activities and especially enjoyed coaching her "Bowling Girls."

Along with her husband Glen, Barbara was also preceded in death by her daughter Denise Genung; and her parents Edmund and Josephine Namiotka.

Barb will be greatly missed by her two daughters Deborah (Scott) Smith, and Kristin Genung (Chris Smiecinski); her son Michael (Lyetta) Genung; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her brother Edmund (Carol) Namiotka; her sister Patricia (Dennis) Genung; and her brother-in-law David (Beth) Genung; along with many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to everyone for their love and support. Those who wish to remember Barb with a memorial donation are asked to please consider the Disabled Veterans National Foundation www.dvnf.org/donation.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ I will always remember Mrs. G with fondness. It was always nice to be in the neighborhood and stop to say hello to everyone and it was always great to see her.

I remember one time when a bunch of us spent the weekend at her house, she got the bingo game out and whoever won got to pick a trinket out of her basket of prizes....so much fun.

So many memories.

My heart goes out to all of you!

She was a great lady and will most certainly be missed!

Laura Hilliard - April 17 at 01:00 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of Barb's passing. I know the entire family will miss her a great deal. I'm thankful I was able to work with Barb for many years. She taught me so many life lessons. I watched her do her job with skill and professionalism. But more importantly a genuine caring for the kids. She always did whatever she could for the success of the students and MCE. We had fun and I will never forget our time together. Mary Jo

Mary Jo Heyse - April 16 at 12:54 PM

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“ Mrs. G helped me find my love for bowling and had such an amazing impact on my high school years. You will be missed dearly, rest peacefully Mrs. G. -love Kelsey



Kelsey Luevano (Jensen) - April 13 at 09:29 AM

DS

“ So sorry to Debbie, Kristin, Mike and the rest of the family. Mrs. G was the best! I am so glad I signed up for bowling and had her as a coach. We had the best of times and memories I will hold onto forever. Rest easy Mrs. G! We love you!

Danielle Stark - April 10 at 08:25 PM

DS

“ I am forever going to miss seeing your smile when you saw me. I'm going to miss being “scolded” when I said a naughty word. I will always see you shaking your head & then just smiling at some of the stuff we did. You were one of a kind, thank you for loving me too. You'll be missed forever. Rest in peace Mama ❤️🥺



Diane Shafer - April 10 at 11:25 AM

DS

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Deborah Smith - April 09 at 10:27 PM

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Deborah Smith - April 09 at 10:26 PM

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Deborah Smith - April 09 at 10:22 PM

JM

“ Barb was *THE* best bowling coach for our son, Nathan who was on the inaugural team at the high school. We'll never forget his excitement when he came home telling us, "I signed up for the bowling team!" Even better was having Mrs. Genung as his coach. Her patience with those boys was a sight to behold. Many, many fond and fun memories were made. She will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Jenny & Bruce Micinski - April 09 at 08:47 PM

CS

“ First I have to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I loved and appreciated her she was always so kind and fun to talk to. She was a great Women.
Cheryl Schilling

Cheryl Schilling - April 09 at 06:41 PM

LS

“ *Kristin, Deb and Mike*

I am so sorry for the passing of your mom. She was such a kind and beautiful lady. She always had advice for Fred and I, and definitely put him in his place when he needed it. She will be greatly missed by everyone. Her smile and kindness will never be forgotten. Rest In Peace Barb. Godspeed

Linda and Fred Smith - April 09 at 05:27 PM