



## BARBARA A. DILLON

March 4, 1926 - July 19, 2025

Dillon, Barbara A., 99, of Middletown, OH died Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Bickford of Middletown in Middletown OH. She was born in Middletown, OH on March 4, 1926 to Lawrence J. Long Sr. and Eppa (Miller) Long. Barbara graduated from Monroe High School in 1944 and from Miami University in 1948 with a degree in Education. She taught school at Lemon-Monroe High School and then started her family with her husband, Mr. James (Jim) P. Dillon. Barbara volunteered at Atrium Hospital for over 50 years, as a volunteer on the floors, Patient Services, and ended her years of service as part of the Hilltop Gift Shop team. She enjoyed playing contract and duplicate bridge with her husband, friends and clubs in the area. Alongside Jim, Barbara helped establish girls swimming in the area in the early 1960s. For 25 years she supported the swimming community year-round at the Middletown YMCA, Sunset Pool, and Middletown High School. Barbara was a lifetime member of First United Methodist Church in Middletown, Ohio, where she was a lifetime member of the Mary Deborah Circle. She volunteered at the church in many capacities over the decades. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 46 years, Jim ("The Bear") Dillon; her daughter, Katherine (Kitty) Dillon-Day; her brother, Lawrence J. Long, Jr.; her sister, Lucy Dillon; and, all nine sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. She is survived by three children of Middletown OH, James Patrick Dillon, Jr.; Ann (John) Hinkle, and Julie Dillon Kauffman; four grandchildren, Brian Dillon, Adam Dillon, Casey Hinkle, and Maggie (Stephen); and, two great-grandchildren, Nathan

and Stevie. We would be remiss if we did not recognize Team Barbara, whose members shared joy, love and laughter with Barbara. Members include extended family, friends, neighbors, church family, Visiting Angels, Bickford of Middletown, and Hospice Care of Middletown. The memorial service will be held Tuesday, July 29 at 1:30 PM at First United Methodist Church, 120 S Broad St, Middletown, OH 45044, with Rev. Kim Armentrout officiating. Following the service, the family will meet friends at Wildwood Country Club. It was Barbara's wish that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to First United Methodist Church, 120 S Broad St, Middletown, OH 45044; or, to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. [www.herr-riggs.com](http://www.herr-riggs.com)

# Tribute Wall

DY

“ I met Barb when I married David and joined First Inited Methodist church. I will always remember her smile and welcoming, warm hug. As the years went by I could look across the church and see Barb smiling back at me. She was a special lady and I will miss her. May good memories comfort you, her family, in the days and years ahead.

*Dee Young*

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**Dee Young** - July 30, 2025 at 08:38 AM

LF

“ I loved spending time with Barb. I feel blessed to have met such a wonderful lady. Thank you to her loving and kind family. I know who you inherited those traits from. God bless, Lori

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**Lori Fell** - July 29, 2025 at 12:55 PM

TD

“ Aunt Barb was always so loving and happy !!!  
Such a pleasure to visit with and share family stories . On our last visit, she had so much fun playing “Simon Says” with the little kids. What a joy to be with . She leaves behind a great family who loves her very much . You all are in our prayers to help through this tough time!

*Love to all. Holly and Tom Dillon*

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**Tom and Holly Dillon** - July 27, 2025 at 02:20 PM

CC

“ Barbara was one of the most delightful person I ever met . I only saw her occasionally when she would be here to see her wonderful daughter , Kitty . I loved her instantly which was easy to do as she was so kind and fun . She'll be greatly missed by all that knew her . Sending all my love and prayers to her family . ❤️❤️ Cissie

Cissie Carey - July 25, 2025 at 08:57 PM

AH

Thank you, Cissie. We sure had great moments together in Houston!

ann hinkle - July 26, 2025 at 03:15 PM

SE

“ I was so thankful for Barb who volunteered to take my husband,Bob, to choir practice when I was getting my Masters Degree.  
from Sharyn Edelen.

Sharyn J Edelen - July 24, 2025 at 07:51 PM

KO

“ Mrs. Barb was a very bubbly happy young lady full of life and spunk. She always made me laugh and welcomed me with loving arms. She will truly be missed. Thank you family for showing generosity to us. A true blessing.

Kentasha K Orr - July 21, 2025 at 10:24 PM

CP

*Aunt Barbara lived a full, eventful and generous life. Her natural sense of humor and general good will has always been appreciated by her many nieces and nephews. She is remembered with much love and respect.*

*With love,  
Carolyn and John Peck  
Indianapolis*

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**Carolyn Peck** - July 23, 2025 at 01:05 PM

RL

*Always kind.*

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**Roger Lambert** - July 23, 2025 at 05:45 PM

CS

*This may seem like an odd memory but I loved hanging out at the Dillon house on those long, lazy summer days when we weren't at the pool, playing cards, reading comic books and watching those 60's teen dance shows on tv and here's the odd part, watching all you guys dutifully lining up to get your hair washed by Mrs.Dillon at the kitchen sink. She was always so welcoming with the neighborhood kids. I'm so sorry for your loss Pat, Annie and Julie. I have nothing but great memories of your mom. So glad I had the opportunity to see her and all the neighborhood 'kids' a couple years ago at her home. I'm thinking of you guys as you go through this difficult time. You had a really great mom.*

*Cathy Schueler*

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**Cathy Schueler** - July 24, 2025 at 12:06 AM

AN

*Your tribute is so reminiscent of days gone by. Washing hair was definitely a ritual. Thank you for the memories! Annie*

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**Ann** - July 25, 2025 at 10:03 AM