



# Barbara Lee Bowling

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**B**arbara Lee Tetrick Bowling, 70, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 11, 2014. She lived a life dedicated to others. She loved people and was interested in everyone and their stories. She was a tireless volunteer for community and charitable causes both in her native West Virginia and Newark, Ohio, her home for 48 years.

Barbara was born on October 1, 1944, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, to Edwin and Marie Armstrong Tetrick. She graduated from Shinnston High School and Fairmont State College, where she majored in Elementary Education. After graduation, she began a life-long association with Camp Thomas E. Lightfoot in Hinton, West Virginia, a summer camp established for the children of coal miners by the Eastern Associated Coal Company. Barb served as a camp counselor and Dean of Women for five years. In 1969 she married William C. Bowling, her fellow camp counselor, in an outdoor ceremony at the camp.

Barbara moved to Newark, Ohio, in 1966, and worked as a kindergarten teacher for the Newark City Schools for twenty years. In 1983, she retired from teaching and began a new phase of life, serving the community in many ways. She founded the Marfan Support Group of Central Ohio. She was a founder of the East Side Food Pantry at Christ United Methodist Church, where she was a member for 48 years. She was a member of the Hannah Circle UMC and co-founder of an after school program for children called Friendship Hour. She led her church in becoming involved in city and county-wide charity efforts, including and the CROP Walk for World Hunger and The March of Dimes. She was a member of the Emmaus Community and Monday talks, a social organization.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents and her son, Benjamin C. Bowling. She is survived by her husband, Bill, her son Bradlee C. Bowling, and her sister, Judy (David) Hack of Belmont, West Virginia.

As her final contribution to education, Barb has donated her body for medical research.



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A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 1pm at Christ United Methodist Church, 10 North Cedar Street in Newark. The family will receive friends at noon before the service begins at 1 pm. A gathering for food and fellowship at the church will follow the service.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Marfan Foundation, 22 Manhasset Avenue, Port Washington, New York, 11050 or online at [www.marfan.org/get-involved/give/memorial](http://www.marfan.org/get-involved/give/memorial).



## Tribute Wall

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KB

**Karen Bennett-Bailey** posted:

I will never forget her. She was my kindergarten teacher at Conrad Elementary in 1968.

December 22 at 5:52 PM

DG

**Delmar Grady** posted:

Mrs. Bowling was the first teacher that I ever had, in the late 60's. She was kind and left a lasting very impression on me. I will never forget her. May God give her family the strength to get through this trying time.

December 19 at 8:49 PM

RW

**Randy Wooden** posted:

Very sorry to hear of Barb's passing. I have many fond memories of Barb, Bill and the boys as we were next door neighbors for many years on Linden Avenue.

December 19 at 7:36 AM

JE

**Jon Emler** posted:

Barbara will be missed. I was sad to learn of her death. We used to sit and talk with each other. She was a great listener. I know she is at peace in heaven looking down on us all.

December 19 at 7:21 AM

GW

**Gale Cady Williams** posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy on the death of your wife and mother; our community has lost a wonderful woman with a beautiful soul. Barb was a fellow McGuffey Mom with me when our sons (hers, Brad, and mine, Nick Bain) were in school together there, and I always enjoyed her positive outlook on life and her great sense of humor.

December 18 at 7:38 AM



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MD

**Martina Anderson-Davis** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Bowling's passing. She was my kindergarten teacher in the early 80's at Hartzler elementary. Since she was my first teacher she had always held a special place in heart. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

December 16 at 1:22 PM

BS

**Bree Shipley** posted:

My sincere condolences to the family. Mrs. Bowling was my wonderful kindergarten teacher 35 yrs. ago & I have such fond memories of her. Such a pleasure to have known her. Sending peace & prayer to all of you.

December 16 at 7:45 AM

FL

**Flossie Luther** posted:

I had Barbara for Kindergarten and For First grade as well. She was such a kind and wonderful person and teacher. And years later when I would see her she would always remember who I was. Barbara was such a wonderful role model and will be dearly missed. Rest in Heaven Barbara

December 16 at 2:21 AM

SE

**Stacy Engle** posted:

Bill & Bradley, I am so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Bowling passing. She has always held a very very special place in my heart. I was in her kindergarten class in 1977 at Hartzler Elementary & I am so thankful that I got to know her as an adult too. What a classy lady. She will be missed!

December 15 at 1:35 PM

LB

**Loretta Buchanon** posted:

Barb Bowling was one of a kind! She was my daughter's kindergarten teacher in "1983". This woman was so amazing that she remembered my daughter and me. Everytime I ran into her she would always asking about Becky! To me this made a teacher a special person to remember us. Heaven got another ANGEL when he decided to take her home. God Bless Your Family she will surely be missed by many.

December 15 at 7:51 AM



BK

**Barbara Kocik** posted:

Bill, I was so sorry to hear of your wife's death. What a devastating empty place in your life. The Lord will fill that with Himself. Be at peace knowing she is with the Lord now. Love in Christ, Barbara Kocik

December 15 at 1:00 AM

SB

**Scott And Christi Binckley** posted:

Our thoughts are with all of the family, a true woman who will help any other in need.

December 13 at 7:13 PM

YL

**Yutta Larue** posted:

DEAR BILL AND BRADLEY, I AM SORRY TO HERE OF YOUR LOSS. ONLY TO READ IT NOW I AM SORRY TO HAVE MISSED THE MEMORIAL. BARB WILL BE MISSED!TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER THRU THIS TIME OF NEED AND KNOW LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU! LOTS OF LOVE YUTTA AND FAMILY.

December 13 at 6:40 PM

DK

**Dan And Linda Kovreg** posted:

Bill, So very sorry about your loss. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and Bradley. If you need any thing do not hesitate to ask. Healing is a process and with God's help you will see better days ahead. Take care of yourself.

December 13 at 1:16 PM

GC

**Glade Calland** posted:

Barb had a wonderful way of praying for and encouraging people that did not even know her. She wrote a piece of agape to me when I attended an Emmaus walk as a pilgrim and continued to encourage me in my faith journey ever since then; including last Tuesday evening as we had a brief chat. God blessed us with her serving life and I am sure Barb is with her Lord and Savior. She will be missed by her friends in Emmaus.

December 13 at 4:15 AM



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PV

**Pat Vermilion** posted:

We are so sorry to learn of Barbs passing. I always enjoyed talking with her at church. She always had a great attitude, even with all that she had gone through. God bless you Bill and Bradlee.

December 12 at 3:21 PM

RD

**Rita Dean** posted:

Bill and Brad - Heaven welcomed a true angel yesterday. She touched so many lives, truly born to teach and help. A great friend. Love to you both.

December 12 at 2:44 PM

MM

**Margaret Miller** posted:

We are all better by knowing Barb. She was an inspiration for those with chronic pain and let us know it sometimes has to be mind over body when you want a full life and God knows she lived life to the fullest. Love Margaret and Bob Miller

December 12 at 12:10 PM

AH

**Angela (Chancey) Hect** posted:

My Deepest of Condolences for the Bowling Family. I grew up going to Christ United Methodist Church & have many fond memories of Barb. She was a very giving & cheerful soul. She will be missed by many!

December 12 at 11:55 AM

JL

**John L** posted:

Love you Barb. You are the epitome of loving kindness.

December 12 at 10:59 AM

GH

**Greg And Cindy Huffman** posted:

We extend our deepest sympathy. May you find comfort in your many wonderful memories of Barb. She was certainly a wonderful, giving person who will be greatly missed.

December 12 at 9:57 AM



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BH

**Bill & Karen Hartshorn** posted:

Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you.

December 12 at 9:22 AM

AC

**Anna Chancey** posted:

Barbara gave so much,touched so many lives she will be missed. With sympathy

December 12 at 6:02 AM

LS

**Liz Adamshick, Hospice Of Central Ohio Volunteer Services** posted:

Dear Bowling family, Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. It was an honor to have Barb's support of our Light Up A Life event for so many years. We will miss her spirit and her dedication.

December 12 at 2:51 AM

LB

**Linda Berry** posted:

Mr. Bowling and Bradlee - I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

December 12 at 2:22 AM

AR

**Ann Marie Robinson** posted:

Dearest Emmaus Share Sister Barb, Now perfect in body and spirit celebrating NEW LIFE with Jesus, our Savior.. love to Bill and Bradlee Ann Robinson

December 11 at 4:30 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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