



## Melba J. Barker

August 19, 1925 - January 10, 2007

Melba J. Barker, age 81, of Portage (formerly of Bloomingdale and Battle Creek), passed away Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007 at Bronson Hospital. Mrs. Barker was born August 19, 1925. She recently attended the Portage United Methodist Church, enjoyed arts and crafts and volunteer work. Surviving are a daughter, Janice (Richard) Lefevre of Statesville, NC; two sons, Gregory (Gail) Barker of Galesburg and Tod Barker of Savannah, GA; five grandchildren, Tiffany M., Katie, Tiffany Anne, Adam and Derek; and four great grandchildren. Following her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday 11 AM at the Bloomingdale Christian Church, Pastor Bill Napp officiating. The family suggests memorials to Kairos Dwelling. Arrangements by BLOOMINGDALE CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bloomington Christian Church  
208 E. Pine  
Bloomington, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Dick and Jan, We were sorry to hear of your loss and even though we didn't know Jan's Mother I am sure she was a lovely woman since she raised such a wonderful daughter. We' re sure you will miss her and we will keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jim and Jean Gorbey##imported-end##

January 19, 2007 at 03:29 PM



“ When I was in the Peace Corps, Grandma Barker sent me a care package of goodies that you couldn't get in the village that I lived in. The only thing was, it got lost and was returned to Grandma after I got home. Grandma and I had fun opening the package and eating what was left of it!##imported-begin##Tiffany Anne##imported-end##

January 18, 2007 at 10:39 AM



“ My sympathy goes out to your family. The last time I saw Melba was in Brooksville - Gert, the boys and I had just happened to be at the same restaurant that she was. What a small world.##imported-begin##Debbie Card##imported-end##

January 17, 2007 at 05:17 PM



“ I am so thankful for email-when I went through my divorce, Aunt Melba was a great listener and was great support. We used put together a perfect life with the perfect man and laugh at the silly things that we would come up with. We sat many a nights emailing back and forth. I really appreciated her time through my hard times. I also remember thinking how "cool" she was when she decorated a bedroom in Battle Creek with a jungle theme, I always appreciated her creativity! I am sorry I didn't make it to the Memorial, you all have been in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Janet Martin(Janet Kane)##imported-end##

January 17, 2007 at 01:35 PM



“ Many thanks to all for your heartfelt expressions of remembrance and sympathy.##imported-begin##Jan & Dick Lefevre##imported-end##

January 16, 2007 at 05:40 PM



“ I have so many great memories of grandma. My most recent one is going to see her at moms house in N.C. a couple years ago, and picnicing on the Blue Ridge Mountains. We got our picture taken together, which I will cherish forever. I also remember, my sister Tif and I hearing Santa's "reindeer" on the roof of the house in Bloomingdale on Christmas Eve.##imported-begin##Katie##imported-end##

January 16, 2007 at 02:30 PM



“ We are really going to miss you Great Grandma Barker!##imported-begin##Nikki & Easton Sherbahn##imported-end##

January 16, 2007 at 01:53 PM



“ We will miss you Great Grandma Barker!##imported-begin##Courtney Popham##imported-end##

January 16, 2007 at 01:52 PM



“ Grams you were greatly loved, and will be sadly missed!##imported-begin##Katie (Card) & Chuck Phillips##imported-end##

January 16, 2007 at 01:50 PM



“ Will miss Melba's emails very much as she was a sweet lady. Enjoyed her visit down here to Florida in winter of 05.##imported-begin##Barb & Walt Blue##imported-end##

January 15, 2007 at 12:22 PM



“ We are so sorry we will not be able to attend Melba's memorial service, as we are in Florida. I will contact you via mail soon. Please accept our sincere sympathy, we send our prayers to the family members.##imported-begin##Mary and Bill Brown##imported-end##

January 13, 2007 at 09:11 AM



“ All of the wonderful memories of a grandmother who loved her grandchildren dearly. I remember grandma always making me her special cinnamon toast when I was a child early in the morning when I came to visit. Most recently, I enjoyed all of our long grown-up talks about life in general and the perception of how to lead a decent life. She was confident in her faith and family. We will miss her dearly. Love you!!

Derek##imported-begin##Derek##imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 08:37 PM



“ I remember the first time Tiffany (M) told me her Grandma's name. I giggled and from that moment on I always referred to Tif's Grandma as "Melba Toast" (I know, not too original, but still made me giggle)  
I remember many visits with Melba and the whole Barker clan. She always made me feel like family. She will be missed.  
Tiffany, you and your family are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Valerie##imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 12:01 PM



“ I'm a friend of Melba's Granddaughter Tif. I remember well spending a recent Thanksgiving with 3 generations of Barker/Card/Lefevre women and enjoying all the fun & family drama. Good-bye Grandma Barker.##imported-begin##Leslee##imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 11:18 AM



“ I remember when Grandma lived in Plymouth, MI. and we would get up early to go garage saleing.  
I remember playing gin rummy on the back porch.  
I remember Christmas in Bloomingdale.  
I remember her playing the organ.  
And the last memory I have is, walking the beach with her looking for sand dollars.##imported-begin##tif##imported-end##

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January 12, 2007 at 10:45 AM