



## Barbara Ann Bitner

August 16, 1947 - November 30, 2021

Barbara A. Bitner, 74, of Elizabethtown passed away on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Elizabethtown, she was the daughter of the late John E. Lawrence and Catherine M. (Musser) Lawrence. She was predeceased by her sister, Kathy A. Peifer. Barbara was the wife of the late Dennis E. Bitner who passed away on July 28, 2017.

Barbara managed The Central Hotel Restaurant and Bube's Brewery during the 1980's. She also worked at The Black Bear Inn and Collin's Haus restaurants in Elizabethtown. She was a member of the Maytown Church of God. Barbara enjoyed trips to the family cabin in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania and going to Ocean City, Maryland. Barbara liked connecting with her extended families...the Bitner's, the Musser's and the Lawrence's. She also enjoyed collecting parrot ornaments and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Barbara is survived by three children, John R. Bitner, husband of Janelle M. of Elizabethtown, Christina L. Scheaffer, wife of Scott of Middletown, and Shaun E. Bitner, husband of Lori of Elizabethtown. She is also survived by ten grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and two brothers, John E. Lawrence of Woodhull, New York and Charles E. Lawrence of Bainbridge.

A memorial service honoring Barbara's life will be held at the Maytown Church

of God, 10-14 West Elizabeth Street, Maytown, PA on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Maytown Church of God.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Maytown Church of God  
10 West Elizabeth Street  
Maytown, PA 17550

## Memorial Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ John, Chuck, Randy, Tina, Shaun and families,



*I was so sorry to hear about Barb passing away. I knew she was in the hospital and not doing well, but I thought she would pull through. Barb was always a happy go lucky woman with a smile on her face. These last years she has been through a lot of heartache with losing her Father, Sister, Husband and Mother. When the elderly get sick and die, we kinda expect that and can prepare for it, but when the younger people that don't really seem sick just up and die, that ages you something terribly. I am going to miss Barb a lot. We spoke on the phone about every other week. We mostly talked about our Grand kids and how much we loved them and then we would discuss our health issues. If we had time left after that ordeal being we both had some health issues, we would then discuss what we were going to make for dinner. We would always think about something from our past that made us laugh before we hung up though. The last thing we talked about this last time we talked was when we were at Hilton Head back in 1990 and Barb and I were in the pool on this blow up alligator. Your Dad, Denny was in the pool also and he kept coming near us and your Mom would yell at him not to come at us. Well my Denny was in the pool also and they just started throwing a soccer ball back and forth to each other. So, your Mom finally calmed down. Well about that time, your Dad came up from out of nowhere under the water and flipped our alligator and off we both went under water... Oh Boy!! Well, I don't need to say anymore. You kids and the brothers know how she got. But after she calmed down we all sat and laughed and a had a great time that night just laughing off and on about that darn alligator that she swore she would never get on again. All because her hair got wet,,,Barbie doll, I sure am going to miss our phone calls every other week... I love you and I miss you already, but you are where I want to be, where my family is waiting for me... I just miss you, Barb.. We never talked about leaving each other this soon.....R.I.P. and Fly High Girl..*

**Vicki Radle** - December 11, 2021 at 04:26 AM

JL

“ *Barb I will miss you so much as we talked every week about everything the fun we had growing up the oldies we dance to and listen to so many memories we were so close not even a year part being I m the older it should have been me but each day I wake up God still has something for me yet one great thing I can thank God for is we will meet again and all our loved ones that are saved in Christ love your Brother !!*

**John Lawrence** - December 09, 2021 at 10:39 AM

JB

*Very nice Uncle John.  
She is going to miss jamming to the oldies with you. She really loved her older brother. First question she always asked when I called.  
DID YOU Talk to Jungle John today?  
Every time.*

**john bitner** - December 10, 2021 at 02:25 AM

TS

“ *Tina Scheaffer lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Bitner*



**Tina Scheaffer** - December 08, 2021 at 12:22 PM

TS

“ Mom you will be dearly missed by myself, Scott and my 4 girls plus your 3 great granddaughters! I will miss our many talks and visits together over the last few years! I'm so grateful for the time God gave me with you! I know the emotional and physical pain was too much to deal with at times but you trusted God to see you through and now you are with him! Your prayers are answered and you are now at peace in his arms! I also am glad you are now with dad and your mom and dad and many others! Some day we will see you again when God says it's our time to leave this place. Until that day we endure with God's word as our guide through this world until we're back home with him and you and dad! Thank you for raising me to be the daughter, wife, mother and grandmother I am today! This is not goodbye but, I will see you later! I love you mom!.....  
Love you always, Tina Scheaffer

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**Tina Scheaffer** - December 08, 2021 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ John Bitner- just taking a moment to stop and reflect on my mother. I will miss her but she is just n a better place. I'm glad she is in heaven.  
She is with her gang. I'm not jealous but I am happy for her. If you knew her you would know what I was saying.  
Rest well and start dancing again. She loved Motown.  
Your son John

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**john bitner** - December 07, 2021 at 12:36 AM