



## Barbara Louise Gondran

January 15, 1947 - September 14, 2024

Barbara Louise Gondran (Cooper), 77, of Blue Springs, Missouri passed away peacefully surrounded by friends and family, Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Missouri.

She was born Wednesday, January 15, 1947 in White Cloud, Missouri, to the late Ollie Cooper and Eva Cooper. She was a graduate of the Weaubleau High School where she grew up on a nearby farm. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Music, with a double major in Vocals and Piano from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO.

Barbara lived in Higginsville for eight years and then resided in Blue Springs for most of her life. She taught orchestra, choir, color guard and band in the Blue Springs and surrounding school districts for 35 years as well as private music lessons. She was very proud to be David Cook's orchestra teacher before he went on to win on the television series, American Idol in 2008.

In addition to teaching, Barbara worked as a real estate agent. She loved helping people find the perfect home and enjoyed investing and renovating properties. Barbara's second passion behind music was skydiving. She was a Class D Jumpmaster, completing more than 600 jumps over the last 25 years. She loved skydiving so much she became a skydiving teacher.

Barbara was very social and made and kept friends at an exceptional level. She was very active in her beloved sorority, Beta Sigma Phi, a social and philanthropic women's organization, where she was a devoted sister for 49 years. She held every office, and served as President for the Blue Springs

City Council. She was honored as Valentine Queen and Woman of the Year several times. She also loved performing and was a 2nd Alto and served as librarian for the Jacomo Chorale for over 15 years. She also sang and danced for local veterans in The Grateful Americans Entertainment Troupe. She had a passion for life and laughter, family and friendship. In addition to the aforementioned, she was deeply passionate about politics and seeing the world in person. One-of-a-kind does not begin to describe the uniqueness of her personality and spirit and this can be quantified by the impact she had on a myriad of lives from students to seniors, and everyone in between. Few people can measure their last hours with the volume of love and compassion Barbara received.

Surviving Barbara are one son, Tommy Bruening of Auburn, Al; one daughter, Tami (Kurt) Divich of Las Vegas, NV; one brother, Forrest (Sharon) Cooper of Weaubleau, MO; five grandchildren, Chance Bruening, Riley Divich, Trystyn Divich, Kyra Divich, and Quinn Divich and her beloved cat Queen Kitty.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at First United Methodist Church, 301 SW Woods Chapel Rd. Blue Springs, Missouri. A funeral service will follow at 1:00 PM with Pastor Colin Brown officiating. A Celebration of Life will follow at Sinclair's in Blue Springs. Interment will be in the Robinson Cemetery, Weaubleau, MO on Sunday, September 29, 2024. In honor of her legacy, memorials may be left in the form of financial donations or donating musical instruments no longer needed to [www.bandofangels.org](http://www.bandofangels.org)

Funeral services entrusted to Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home and online condolences may be made to the family at [www.stewarthoeferfuneralhome.com](http://www.stewarthoeferfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **28.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
301 SW Woods Chapel Rd.  
Blue Springs , MO 64015  
<http://www.bluespringsumc.org>

## Funeral Service

SEP **28.** 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (Cst)

First United Methodist Church  
301 SW Woods Chapel Rd.  
Blue Springs , MO 64015  
<http://www.bluespringsumc.org>

## Celebration of Life Social

SEP **28.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sinclair's Restaurant  
Blue Springs , MO 64014  
1402 nw hwy 7  
<http://www.sinclairsrestaurant.com>

# Tribute Wall

EP

“ I knew Barbara from school as she was a few years younger than I. I always enjoyed meeting her having lunch or dinner with her when I went to Kansas City area. Enjoyed visiting with her and sharing stories about what we had done in previous years and hopes and dreams. She was a very kind lady that loved her family and always talked about her daughter and her family. She lives in another State so I never had the opportunity to meet her. She was a good Christian lady and always willing to help anyone as she had never met a stranger. RIP Barbara Will miss you and your friendship.

Everett Perriman - September 27, 2024 at 11:10 AM

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“ The Painter Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Louise Gondran.

The Painter Family - September 25, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Louise Gondran.



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“ Kendra, Tara, Dustin, Jared & Alina purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Barbara Louise Gondran.



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**Kendra, Tara, Dustin, Jared & Alina** - September 22, 2024 at 09:58 PM

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“ From The Browner & Petroni Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Louise Gondran.

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**From The Browner & Petroni Families** - September 22, 2024 at 04:55 PM



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“ I knew Barbara as extended family. She came to Vegas multiple times a year to see her daughter's family. I'm grateful to have had her sit with us for Thanksgiving and many Christmas celebrations. I see her washing dishes and helping to prepare in any way she could. She gleamed with pride as she watched her four granddaughters, who are all old enough to hold those memories of a grandma who just wanted to watch them grow. RIP Barbara. You were loved.

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**Kendra Williams** - September 22, 2024 at 12:59 PM

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*To Barbara's entire family I will be praying for all of you. I am a Beta Sigma Phi Sister of Barb's. I met her at one of our convention's many years ago. She shared so much of her life, family and career with alot of us. I remember her sharing all the pictures of her house after the fire. I will always cherish memories of Barb, hard working, always helping others. She will be missed forever. Your Sister in Beta Sigma Phi, Linda Craig, Lee's Summit, MO*

Linda Craig - September 26, 2024 at 04:40 PM

CS

*“ I performed with Barbara with the Grateful Americans. She was a leader and always offering her expertise . We are working in our Fall show for November and had practice today and it was so strange not seeing her in her spot . Barbara definitely lived an eventful life and was proud of her accomplishments. It is going to take awhile to finally realize she is gone. Rest in peace and provide beautiful music at the pearly gates with a harp behind you.*

Carlentina Scharfenkamp - September 19, 2024 at 07:50 PM

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*“ I only knew Barbara for about 4 months, but she was one of those people you wanted to know for my lifetime. But that didn't happen so will remember the time we shared together, and am thankful for that short time we had.*

Nancy Baker - September 19, 2024 at 05:47 PM

CP

*“ Barb and I sang together in the alto section of Jacomo Chorale. When I met Barb I knew I had a friend for life. We shared similar thoughts about the important things in our lives-music, religion, politics and above all our friends and family. It truly was an honor to know her and call her my friend. Rest in peace Barb. You will always have a special place in my heart and I will miss you.*

Cathy Porter - September 19, 2024 at 07:31 AM

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*I met Barb through Facebook and we became good friends regularly exchanging political messages and other thoughts. I'm so glad I got to know her. Rest in Peace my friend. I'll miss you, Barb 🙏❤️*

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**Nancy Diaz** - September 19, 2024 at 06:05 PM