

Barbara Lou Skorupan

October 28, 1924 ~ May 5, 2022

Barbara Lou Skorupan, age 97, of Gravois Mills, Missouri, passed away Thursday, May 5, 2022 at her home. She was born October 28, 1924 in Kansas City, Kansas, a daughter of Charles and Mable (Nelson) Paterson.



On October 28, 1942 in Belton, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Steve Skorupan. Together they shared seventy years of marriage before his passing on October 28, 2012.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Betty Lou Hollander and four brothers, Kent Paterson, Keith Paterson, Charles Paterson, Jr. and Cecil Paterson.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly Ann Hinshaw of Indianola, Iowa; two grandsons, Eric Hollander of Indianola, Iowa and Jason Hollander of Polk City, Iowa; a granddaughter, Malissa Golightly of Indianola, Iowa; ten great-grandchildren, Matthew, Merideth, Forrest, Rocky, Wyatt, Harmony, Charlie, Syllas, Dominic and Hailey and a great-great-grandson.

Barbara was raised in Kansas and she and Steve made their home there before moving to Iowa. In 1980, they moved to the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. She enjoyed being a homemaker, a mother and especially a grandmother. She was a member of Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie, Missouri.

Barb was a well-known Missouri Round Dance Cuer. She started teaching rounds in 1953 in Iowa, and in 1979, she began cuing. She taught for the JO-C-DO, Fun Time Squares, Whirl-A-Ways and Susy-Q's in Iowa. In 1979 she and her husband, Steve, moved to the Lake of the Ozarks, and in 1981 she began teaching and cuing rounds for the Merry Rounders, Millstone Wheelers, Ozark Lakers, Jeans & Queens, and the Ozark Whirlers.

She was inducted into the Missouri Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame in 1995 for the many things she did so unselfishly for square and round dancing in Missouri.

She always supported the Missouri State Square and Round Dance Festival in a highly professional and dedicated manner. Her exceptional talent as a cuer helped make each of the State Dances a huge success. On many occasions, Barbara unselfishly gave of herself and her time to cue dances with the knowledge that there was no compensation to be received other than the gratitude of the dancers and the knowledge that she had helped in a sincere way to help make others happy. Barbara had a genuine love of teaching and learning, plus a sparkling personality. Besides Round Dancing, Barbara was very active in promoting square dancing.

A memorial service was held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at Kidwell-Garber Laurie/ Sunrise Beach Chapel followed by internment in Garber Memorial Estates, Laurie.

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