



## Frances "Barbara" Brunke

April 3, 1934 - April 12, 2022

Frances "Barbara" Brunke age 88, of Berlin passed away on April 12, 2022, at Green Tree Health and Rehab at Clintonville where she has resided a short time.

She was born on April 3, 1934, to Walter and Margaret Ferris in Wauwatosa, WI.

Barbara attended Tosa East High School and after graduating she continued her education at the Milwaukee School of Business majoring in banking operations. She then went on to work at Wauwatosa Savings and Loan.

In her single years, Barbara enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and still reminisced about her travels to this day.

Many summers were spent at the family cottage at Green Lake and that is where she met the love of her life, Richard Brunke.

They were united in marriage on September 8, 1956. Barbara and Richard enjoyed life on the lake for several years until they eventually moved to Berlin in 1962.

While in Berlin, Barbara was very involved with the Girls Scouts, volunteering at the Catholic schools, and the Ladies VFW Auxiliary serving as President.

Throughout their lives Barbara and Richard were rarely found at home. The weekends camping at Vista Royale eventually turned into weeks, weeks turned into months, and eventually they would spend the entire summers at their "second" home.

Day trips to just about anywhere was something they loved to do together.

Some people will remember Barbara as a Girl Scout leader, hot lunch lady, grandma's taxi service, and the annual St. Patrick's Day hostess, but we will always remember her as Mrs. B.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth (Ron) Dillman and Susan (Bruce) Tetzke; grandchildren, Torry Dillman, Aaron (Jamie) Dillman, Alex and Ethan Brunke, Brittany and Stephanie Tetzke; and great-granddaughters, Aerin and Delaney Putzke and Aubree Dillman; special family friend, Dan Brad who she loved to visit with; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Margaret Ferris; her loving husband, Richard (Mr. B); her son, Robert Brunke; and her only sister Corrine Aiholzer.

Family and friends may visit with the family and pay their respects to Barbara on Sunday, April 24, 2022, from 4-7:00 p.m. and on Monday, April 25, 2022, from 9-10:30 at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home of Berlin.

A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will follow visitation at the funeral home at 11:00 at All Saints Catholic Parish of Berlin, officiated by Father John Silva.

Burial will follow church services at Oakwood Cemetery of Berlin.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

Berlin, WI 54923

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home  
116 S Adams Ave  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-2050

## Visitation

**APR 25.** 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home  
116 S Adams Ave  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-2050

## Funeral Service

**APR 25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Parish  
N8566 WI-49  
Berlin, WI 54923  
(920) 361-5252

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances "Barbara" Brunke*



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**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - April 21, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*

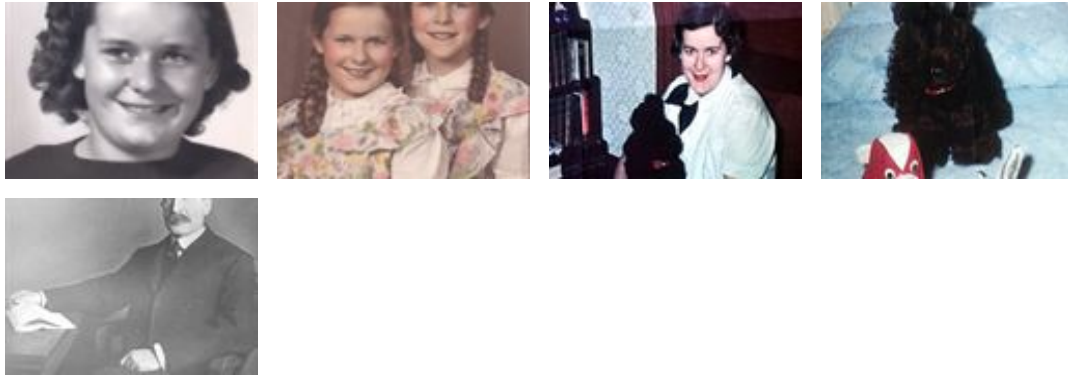


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**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - April 22, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *149 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - April 21, 2022 at 09:23 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of Mom B. She always greeted me open arms and a welcoming smile on her face whenever I would go to over to their house or saw her at numerous gathers.



*She will be missed, but we will see her again one day. Remember the good times and the memories you made. Heaven gained a truly remarkable angel who will keep an eye on all of her family and friends.*

*Rest In Peace Mom B.*

*Scott and Tracy (Haskins) Quade*

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**Tracy Quade** - April 20, 2022 at 03:13 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Frances "Barbara" Brunke.



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April 20, 2022 at 02:58 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Brunke family. Loved visiting with her at Vista. RIP Barb. Nancy Weinert

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**Nancy Weinert** - April 15, 2022 at 07:47 PM

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“ Condolences to your entire Family- We didn't know Francis, put she was very influential with her family. Sue has always brought a smile & care within our family. Tell the good stories & laugh as a family. 💕 Jerry & Sue Mattice

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**Sue Mattice** - April 14, 2022 at 11:36 PM

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“ *My prayers and thoughts are with the Brunke family during this very sad time. I remember her being our girl scout leader. She was a very special lady and will be missed dearly. Her and Mr B. are together again and will always be. Many hugs and love to the family. R.I.P Mrs B.*



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**Cheryl Rodgers** - April 14, 2022 at 07:45 PM

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“ *Deepest sympathy,  
Steve and Debbie Parrish*



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**Steve and Debra Parrish** - April 13, 2022 at 03:09 PM