



## Barbara Ann Duff

July 15, 1937 - January 25, 2021

Barbara Ann Duff (née Simon), 83, with family at her side in her home, peacefully went to her rest on the morning of January 25, 2021. Be pleased with your Servant, oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Barbara was the eldest daughter of Mr. Dave E. and Mrs. Loretta E. Simon, born to them on July 15, 1937 in Independence, Missouri. To many family and friends, Barbara was fondly called "Bobbie".

As a student, Bobbie was educated at St. Ann's Catholic School and often helped at home with her beloved sisters, Mary Ann, Elizabeth Ann, Judith Ann, and Kay Frances, who died as an infant.

Bobbie married Mr. Thomas Gerald Duff on June 14, 1952, and to this union were born four sons, Tommy Jo Duff, Jimmy Duane Duff, Johnny Lee Duff, and Davey Lynn Duff.

Primarily, Bobbie spent her life as a homemaker while serving as a member of the Parent-Teacher Association and as a Den Mother for Boy Scouts.

Bobbie enjoyed giving back, and in doing so, impacted the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of young Catholics throughout the state of Missouri by nourishing them with her delicious meals at spiritual retreats given at St.

Patrick's Catholic Church and The National Shrine of Mary Mother of the Church. In addition to her work with retreats, Bobbie was also a member of The Ladies Auxiliary of The Knights of Columbus.

If there is a card table or a B-I-N-G-O hall in Heaven, Bobbie will be well prepared, as she spent countless hours playing cards with family and friends and waiting for the next B-I-N-G-O number to be called.

She was preceded in Heaven by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Simon, sisters Kay Frances and Mary Ann, and her husband Thomas "Jerry" G. Duff. In addition, for several years, Bobbie carried the memory of three of her sons: Jimmy D. Duff, Johnny L. Duff, and Davey L. Duff, whom the Lord called from this life, and with whom we know she has long awaited her reunion.

Those left to remember her are her son Tommy J. Duff, Las Vegas, Nevada, sisters Elizabeth "Betty" Hermida (Richard) Kissee Mills, Missouri, and Judith "Judy" Simon, of the home. Grandsons Justin Thomas Duff (Meghan) of Leawood, KS, and Dr. Aaron Arthur Blake Duff of Kansas City, MO. And those privileged to call her Great-Grandma are her great-grandchildren Hudson Thomas Duff, Avery Lynn Duff, Everett Malone Duff, and Davis Arthur Duff.

In addition, several well-loved nieces, neighbors, and friends are left to remember her. Bobbie will be remembered fondly for the many holiday meals she prepared, the family gatherings she held, the laughs she shared with family and friends, and her service to the Catholic community.

The family would like to express their gratitude to her caretakers, sister Judy Simon and niece Johna Forgey for their commitment of companionship, love, and support.

A private burial will be held for Barbara on the morning of Friday, January 29,

2021, in Independence, where she will be interred among her family.

Joy. Light. Peace. May they all be yours. Go now, and take your rest.

# Tribute Wall

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“ When I mover to Mo. some 20 years ago I met Bobbie at the bowling alley, we bowled a couple times a week,we were never on the same team, but I really enjoyed it when we would bowl with her. She always had a smile on her face and I loved her laugh. She will be missed by all. Sending Prayers to all of her family. Joyce White, 10048 250th St. West Union, Iowa 52175

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**Joyce A White** - January 28, 2021 at 10:06 AM

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“ I have enjoyed knowing Bobbie and her family. She was a bright part of my week and will be missed.  
Linda Sarto

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**Linda Sarto** - January 27, 2021 at 10:10 PM