



Barbara Ann Ellis

April 9, 1931 - July 13, 2024

Funeral services for BARBARA ANN ELLIS, 93, will be held 1pm Friday July 19, 2024, at the Lingle Community Presbyterian Church with Pastor Jason Harshberger officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Lingle, and the casket will be closed. Barb passed away July 13, 2024, at Goshen Healthcare Community. Memorials to honor her love of gardening may be made to the Town of Lingle to be used for flowerbeds and flower pots in and around Lingle. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com

Barbara Ann (Swalstad) Ellis was born April 9, 1931, in Fargo North Dakota to Theodore and Ruby (Olsen) Swalstad. Barb grew up and attended school in Shelly Minnesota. She attended Concordia Nursing College in Moorehead Minnesota and upon graduation moved to Torrington, Wyoming, the "Wild West" to find a cowboy and start her nursing career. Barb met, because they had the same birthday, the love of her life, Wendell Ellis, not a cowboy, after moving to Torrington. Barb and Wendell were married in Shelly on September 19, 1954. To this union were born four children: Lindy, Becky, Kathy, and Dan. Barb was a farm wife and mother. She helped Wendell farm, grew a huge garden, large beds of flowers, butchered chickens, and raised the kids. When we were all in school, she became the school nurse in the Lingle-Ft. Laramie School and worked there until she became one of the Goshen County Public Health nurses where she worked until her retirement.

Barb was very active in the Presbyterian Church in Lingle where she was at

one time or another an elder, a deacon, a trustee, served on the pulpit nominating committee, and sang in the choir. She was also a dedicated member of the Ladies Circle or Association and Mary Marthas all of which met weekly to study the bible and who served countless cookies and cups of coffee and many church functions. Barb was also active in county organizations and groups. She rang bells with the Methodist Church handbell choir, was a member of Chapter M of PEO, and a member of Goshen County Cow Belles. She served on the Golden Homes board of directors for many years. Barb and Wendell were avid card players, they belonged to several pinochle groups, and Barb played bridge with a group of ladies on a regular basis. Grandma Ellis, as the grandkids called her traveled many miles and sat numerous hours in the bleachers watching her grand kids and great-grand kids in their sporting and 4-H activities.

Barb is survived by her four children: Lindy, Becky Upchurch, Kathy (Larry) Miller and Dan (Cheryl) Ellis; grandchildren Shari(Scott) DeWitt, Staci (Tate) Willey, Andrew Upchurch, Alex (Amber) Upchurch, Jennifer (Dudley) Booth, Kristi (Dave) Collins, Stephanie (Steve) Geis, Lindsay (Anthony) Evans, Courtney (Clancy) Anderson and Zack Ellis; great grandchildren Sydney (Poston) Anderson, Seth DeWitt; Hayden and Landen Willey; Ozzie, Hart, Lucas and Emme Upchurch; Connor and Kaleb Booth; Liberty, Justice and Revere Collins; Maggie, Morgan, Maddie and Mason Geis, Peyton Evans, Harper and Bentley Anderson; and great-great grandsons Barrett and Hoyt Anderson. Barb was preceded in death by husband Wendell, her siblings Ruth, Margaret, Theone, Burlin; and great-grandson Lil David Collins.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Lingle, WY 82223

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Community Presbyterian
200 E 3rd St
Lingle, Wyoming 82223
(307) 837-2729

Tribute Wall

KE

“ *What a wonderful person and PEO sister whom I had the privilege of her friendship, wisdom and guidance as we enjoyed working together on various scholarship projects for fellow women throughout many years. My sincere condolences to all her family.*
Karin Eisenhauer



Karin Eisenhauer - July 22, 2024 at 06:27 PM

BO

“ *Our condolences. Barb was a wonderful person.*
- Brian & Wende Oberg

B&W Oberg - July 19, 2024 at 05:36 PM

GB

“ *Ginger Barthel lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ellis*



Ginger Barthel - July 17, 2024 at 06:32 PM

B(

“ *Brianna Franze (Ibarra) purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Barbara Ann Ellis.*



Brianna Franze (Ibarra) - July 17, 2024 at 02:07 PM

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“ *Brieanna Franze (Ibarra) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Ellis.*

Brieanna Franze (Ibarra) - July 17, 2024 at 02:07 PM

TE

“ *Trish Eisenbarth lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ellis*



Trish Eisenbarth - July 17, 2024 at 10:55 AM

KB

“ *Barb was such a lovely person! In addition to the civic activities cited, Barb served as a board member of the mental health association. Our best wishes and condolences to the Ellis family.*
Ken & Judy Banister

ken banister - July 16, 2024 at 03:39 PM

BS

“ *Bobbi Heller Stuck sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Ellis*



Bobbi Heller Stuck - July 16, 2024 at 10:21 AM

SD

“ Sue Moore Davis lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ellis



Sue Moore Davis - July 16, 2024 at 09:36 AM

JR

“ I remember Barb helping with costumes for many of the plays in Goshen County. She was such a sweet and cheerful person. She has raised a wonderful family. She will be missed.

JoAnn Robbins - July 15, 2024 at 11:38 PM

FF

“ From The Welte and Odell family's purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ann Ellis.



From The Welte and Odell family's - July 15, 2024 at 09:33 PM

LK

“ I kind of knew Barb as one of my mom's friends, but really got to know her at Evergreen Plaza. What a sense of humor, an avid reader like me and always kind and caring.

Liz Kaltenheuser - July 15, 2024 at 08:35 PM

CP

“ *Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ellis*



Carol Peterson - July 15, 2024 at 07:34 PM

GA

“ *Gina Avila lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Ellis*



Gina Avila - July 15, 2024 at 04:57 PM

TA

“ *Teri, Dean, Allen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Ellis*



Teri, Dean, Allen - July 15, 2024 at 04:41 PM

TA

“ *Teri, Dean, Allen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Ellis*



Teri, Dean, Allen - July 15, 2024 at 04:38 PM

DH

“ I became acquainted with Barb 52 years ago when she was the public health nurse here and I had a very sick baby. She was so compassionate and so knowledgeable and made you feel at ease right away. What a lovely lady. I can only imagine how much you all will miss her. Know that I held you close at this time.

DeeAnn Sims Hankins - July 15, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Ellis.



July 15, 2024 at 03:43 PM

BV

“ Blaine and Vicki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Ellis.

Blaine and Vicki - July 15, 2024 at 03:43 PM

MM

“ Barb was a wonderful lady. I enjoyed visiting with her. She loved her family, friends, and was always ready to help those that needed it.

Merrijane Morgheim - July 15, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Ellis.*



July 15, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ *Engling, Dysart, Boughton Families planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barbara Ann Ellis.*

Engling, Dysart, Boughton Families - July 15, 2024 at 03:07 PM