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Barbara (De Haan) Mathison was born on December 6, 1935, in the farm community of Harvard, Illinois. She was one of five children born to Henry De Haan Sr. and Jessie (Kooistra) DeHaan. The De Haan family owned and worked on a 160-acre dairy farm on Hebron Road in Alden, Illinois, where Barbara was raised with strong values of hard work, faith, and family.

Barbara attended Alden-Hebron School in Hebron, Illinois. During her high school years, she met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Mathison, Sr.. One of her favorite memories from that time was witnessing the unforgettable 1952 state championship basketball victory. Following graduation, Bob and Barbara were married and began their life together on the family farm on Greenwood Road.

Barbara had a lifelong love of the dairy farm lifestyle and was deeply proud of her agricultural roots. She was actively involved in 4H and took great joy in attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events. She enjoyed watching the Bears, Bulls, and Cubs games with her grandchildren and gathering with her family, cousins, and friends. Above all else, Barbara cherished being a mother and grandmother, roles she embraced

wholeheartedly.

Barbara is survived by her siblings, Ruth (the late Hans) Andereg and Dirk (Mary) De Haan. She is lovingly remembered by her children: Diane Helgeland, Tim (Pamela) Mathison, Shirley (the late Thomas Sr.) Coulman, Sandra (Brian) Katzenberg, Robert (Darlene) Mathison, Jr., and Theresa Mathison, her 21 grandchildren, Amanda Braden, Kyle Helgeland, Matthew (Cherish) Helgeland, Dustin Helgeland, Timothy (Jessica) Mathison, Angela (Timothy) Beck, Lindsey Mathison, Jeremy (Lindsey) Mathison, Sara Mozal, Robert Mozal Jr., Joseph Mozal, Thomas (Gretchen) Coulman, Johnathan (Sarah) Coulman Sr., Jaclyn Halvorsen, Trina (Ben) Jones, Eric Ducy, Nina (Cody) Katzenberg-Sanborn, Brooklyn (Ryan) Trammell, Tristan Mathison, Jessica (Josh) Goodman, Jamie (Lauren) Malphrus her sister-in-law Nita De Haan, and her many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Mathison Sr.; her siblings, Henry "Skip" Claude De Haan Jr., Judy De Haan, and Clarence "Bud" De Haan; and her children, James "Hondo" Mathison, Leroy Mathison, and Patricia (Robert Sr.) Mozal. And her grandson Joshua Mathison.

Barbara's life was defined by devotion -- to her family, her farm, and her community. Her warmth, strength, and genuine smile and laughter, will be remembered by all who knew her and carried forward through generations.

Visitation will be at 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, Wednesday April 8, 2026, at Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home, 10011 Main St., Richmond, IL. Mass of Resurrection will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 10519 Main St., Richmond, IL.

Interment will at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorials in her name to JourneyCare Hospice, 240 Commerce Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery of Richmond

11100 Burlington Road
Richmond, IL 60071

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home (Richmond)
10011 Main Street
PO Box 375
Richmond, IL 60071
(815) 678-7311
bruce@ehornadams.com
<http://www.ehornadams.com>

Mass of Resurrection

APR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Richmond)
10519 N. Main St
Richmond, IL 60071
(815) 678-7421
saintjosephchurch@gmail.com
<http://stjosephrichmondil.weconnect.com/>

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Anne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Mathison.

Anne M. - April 07 at 07:15 PM

LM

“ Lindsey and Max Mathison purchased the Ange
l's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Barbara
Mathison.



Lindsey and Max Mathison - April 06 at 08:06 PM

LM

“ Lindsey and Max Mathison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Mathison.

Lindsey and Max Mathison - April 06 at 08:06 PM

BH

“ Bryan, Amanda, and Madison Hamm purchased
the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara
Mathison.



Bryan, Amanda, and Madison Hamm - April 06 at 11:35 AM

BH

“ Bryan, Amanda, and Madison Hamm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Mathison.

Bryan, Amanda, and Madison Hamm - April 06 at 11:35 AM

FW

“ From Michael and Rebecca Wise purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Mathison.



From Michael and Rebecca Wise - April 06 at 07:57 AM

TM

“ TIM, JESS, LEXI AND TIMMY MATHISON purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara Mathison.



TIM, JESS, LEXI AND TIMMY MATHISON - April 05 at 06:19 AM

TM

“ TIM, JESS, LEXI AND TIMMY MATHISON planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Mathison.

TIM, JESS, LEXI AND TIMMY MATHISON - April 05 at 06:19 AM

JB

“ I remember riding the school bus with Barb. She was so beautiful as an older teenager. Later I had a son Jamie who was good friends with Hondo and I saw Barb often as our sons were in school together. Barb was always fun to visit with and a lovely mother to her family. I'm glad I knew her!

Judy Borgeson - April 04 at 08:11 PM

MA

“ My condolences and prayers to the family. May she rest in Peace

Mark Anderson - April 04 at 12:29 PM

DD

“ Dan & Michele DeHaan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Mathison.



Dan & Michele DeHaan - April 04 at 02:17 AM

KS

“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Family... 🙏🙏🙏



Kevin Skinner - April 03 at 04:46 PM

PW

“ Will cherish every memory of Barb. She taught me how to sew and treated me like one of her own when I would do stupid kid stuff. Thanks for everything. Love you and will miss knowing you're still here.



Peggy Wolfard - April 03 at 08:02 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Mathison.



April 02 at 05:23 PM

AF

“ Aleda Frazier lit a candle in memory of Barbara Mathison



Aleda Frazier - April 02 at 01:36 PM

AF

Rest in peace Barb I will always remember your Kindness to me and for being my friend. Memories will never leave. My prayers to Tim and the family.

Aleda Frazier - April 02 at 01:39 PM