



Sylvia Marianina Bixler Barb

February 3, 1970 - March 14, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home, Inc. send condolences to the family of Sylvia Marianina Biller Barb.

Sylvia Marianina Bixler Barb, 54, of Luray, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Sentara Rockingham Memorial Hospital with her husband (childhood sweetheart) by her side .A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Funeral Service in Edinburg. Pastor Doug Frazier and Mr. John Bixler will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in the family cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service.

Mrs. Barb was born February 3, 1970 in Fayetteville, NC., daughter of Eva Jane Fritzman of Fort Valley and the late John D. Bixler and Dewey Fritzman. She graduated nursing school as a CNA. Her early career began at Voice of America where she earned a Superior Achievement Award for her work during Tiananmen Square coverage. She also received a Meritorious Honor Award from the State Department when she worked for the International Telecommunications Plenipotentiary Conference in Kyoto, Japan. She was a member of Woodstock Moose Lodge #575.

Surviving, along with her mother, are her husband, Thomas Barb; siblings, John Bixler and wife Cindi of Berryville, Nita Fritzman of Spotsylvania and Michael Fritzman of Bunker Hill, WV, Godson John Shaffer; numerous

cousins, nieces and nephews and her little Yorkie, Mia Amici.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to DaVita Harrisonburg at Home, 871 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Suite 100, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc, Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service
14116 South Middle Road
Edinburg, VA 22824
(540) 984-3700
secretary.valleyfs@yahoo.com
<https://www.valleyfs.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Andrea Svejda lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Bixler Barb*



Andrea Svejda - July 24, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Marianina Bixler Barb.*



March 19, 2024 at 08:30 AM

CM

“ *Cousin joyce matse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Marianina Bixler Barb.*

Cousin joyce matse - March 19, 2024 at 08:30 AM

SF

“ *Sonny Digman & Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Sylvia Marianina Bixler Barb.*



Sonny Digman & Family - March 19, 2024 at 06:31 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvia Marianina Bixler Barb.*



March 18, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ *Catherine Abell lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Bixler Barb*



Catherine Abell - March 18, 2024 at 06:13 AM



“ *Debbie Scott / Van Ness purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Marianina Bixler Barb.*



Debbie Scott / Van Ness - March 17, 2024 at 11:48 PM



“ *Debbie Scott / Van Ness planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Marianina Bixler Barb.*

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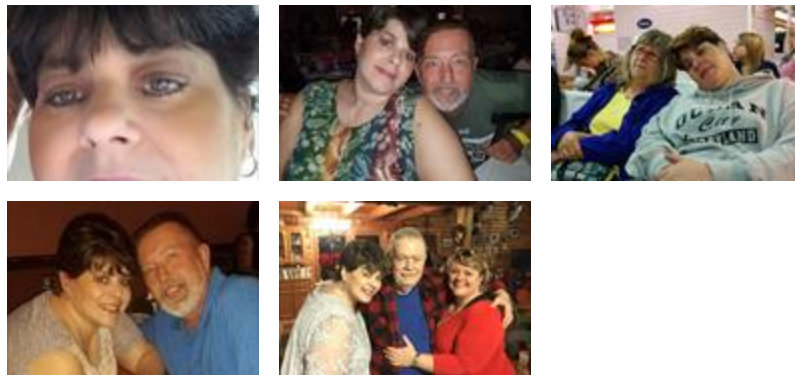
“ *She was a true angel here on earth. I have known her since elementary school. We reconnected again about 18 yrs ago. She helped me in so many ways, with my mom cancer diagnosis and later my sister. I could write her or even call her with off the wall questions, she always pointed me in the right directions. She had the passion for others, like no other. The sadness, we all are feeling will hurt for yrs to come. True angel among us. R.I.P beautiful. My condolences to her family and friends.*



Pamela - March 17, 2024 at 12:15 PM

NF

“ *48 files added to the album The Best of Times*



Nita Fritzman - March 17, 2024 at 12:01 PM

BF

She was a beautiful person inside and out, my sincere condolences to her family.

Betty Funkhouser - March 19, 2024 at 05:27 AM



She was the most loving daughter, wife, sister, aunt. Even in bed hooked to machines she could make you laugh. The last thing we said to each other was I Love You. Only a few hours later she had her fatal seizure. She told me several months ago that her soul was ready. I was not ready. Jerimiah 31:3.

Eva Fritzman - March 23, 2024 at 09:09 PM

NF

Been thinking about ya Syl ... even tho at times you drove me nuts, you were truly that lil sister that always knew my secrets and what I was feeling in my heart. I always thought you would be the one to do my eulogy when it was my time. Never thinking you would be called before me. I hope you gave Dad a hug from me when you got there. Miss ya! 😭

Nita Fritzman - January 28, 2025 at 07:50 PM