



## Barbara Jane Mills

June 27, 1921 - December 23, 2023

Barbara Jane Mills, age 102, of Dixon, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at her home. She was born June 27, 1921, in Dixon, the daughter of George and Anna Bertha (Haas) Slothower. Jane worked for Northern Illinois Utilities for 7 years before marriage, and later at Dixon Public Library for 10 years, prior to retirement. She was a charter member of St. Anne Catholic Church and was the church organist for 60 years. Jane also was a member of a Red Hat group and the Lee County Historical Society. She was a Girl Scout leader for 15 years and served on the Girl Scouts' Green Hills Council Board for several years. She loved to travel, and was the chief travel planner for family trips. Jane married Arthur P. Mills May 24, 1947, in Dixon. He preceded her in death Oct. 30, 2012. She also was preceded in death by one brother, George E. (Velma Mills) Slothower; brothers-in-law, Paul (Lucille Whitebread) Mills, Ralph (Cecilia Giese) Mills, and Joseph (Rosa Ludwig) Mills; sisters-in-law, Ruth (Gerald) Snap and Verna Mae (Clyde) Scott; two nieces; three nephews; and four stepbrothers-in-law. Jane is survived by two daughters, Andrea Mills of Dixon and Barbara (Dennis) Mitchell of Pardeeville, Wisconsin; two grandchildren, Ross (fiancee Colleen Sovey) Mitchell of Estes Park, Colorado; and Laura (Branden) Bell and one great-granddaughter, Allison Jane Bell, all of Lakeville, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Sister Mary Innocence Mills OSF of Frankfort; one stepsister-in-law, Mary Ann (the late Robert) Bonamie of Wellington, Florida; one stepbrother-in-law, Gale Mangan of Newark, Delaware; six nephews; five nieces; and extended family members. Services

will begin with a 9:30 a.m. prayer service Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at the funeral home. Memorials are being established to St. Anne Catholic Church's music department, Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon and a vision research/charity yet to be determined.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Ph: 815-288-2241  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Anne's Catholic Church  
1104 N Brinton Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021-1297  
(815) 288-3131

# Tribute Wall

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“ Well, I'm going to write something to say that Mom was one of the best mothers anyone could hope to have. She's very missed. My sister and I took care of her so she could remain in her home and she did so, dying in the house she and Dad built 70 years ago. That house having been built in her mother's garden. A rock garden in our yard marks the spot where a fish pond once was. A cedar tree now enjoys the location. The grapevine still produces grapes as it did when my grandparents enjoyed the garden. I quote words in a book I read, "She's in a better place, but I'm not." She leaves a huge hole in her daughters' lives.

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**Andrea Mills** - February 01, 2024 at 12:52 PM

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Andy & Barb I'm so sorry to learn of your mom's death. I just stumbled onto this news today 2 years late. She was such a nice mom. I remember her being a Girl Scout leader. She had a wonderful smile and was so creative. I always remember the birthday present Barb brought me in grade school. It was a ball of crepe paper all rolled up with lots of little surprises falling out as we unrolled it. I'm sorry for you that you lost her right at Christmas time but I know the reading on the weekend after Christmas for the feast of the Holy Family from Sirach. It's about taking care of your mother and father when they get old. You guys did it! Thanks for your witness of loving your dear mom so well and helping her on her journey through this life and helping see her off to eternal life! Thank you for loving her so well. God bless you both as you pass another anniversary.

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**Patty Reynolds Conway** - January 10 at 08:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Mills.* ”



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December 26, 2023 at 10:16 PM