



## *Barbara Schmidt*

Barbara Schmidt, 81, of Eau Claire, passed away Sunday, April 18, 2021 surrounded by her sisters.



Barbara was the first child of 7 children born to Gunther and Louise (Potter) Schmidt in MI. From a young age she had many interests and talents. From winning spelling bees to playing the accordion. She had a great love of nature and science and always had a house full of reptiles, amphibians, pets and birds. Her favorite being frogs.

Dr. Barbara earned her doctorate in 1975, a PHD in Botany. She wrote, co-edited, illustrated many books and manuals. She was a professor at UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College in biology and chemistry. She was very knowledgeable and energetic in her teaching which made her

classes fun. She was a lifetime learner and teacher.

She also enjoyed working nights in the lab at WRR for it would have been 30 years in Sept.

Barbara loved spending time with her surviving sisters are Julianne Schmidt of Illinois and Virginia (Robert) Rodgers of Ohio and also enjoyed spending time with her family at gatherings.

Proceeding her in death are her parents and her siblings, Nancy, Greg, Peter and Wendy.

A family celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Any memorials can be sent to The American Cancer Society.

Chippewa Valley Cremation Services—Celebration of Life Center in Altoona is serving the family.

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