



Barbara Jean Kochalka

April 17, 1943 - July 10, 2021

Barbara "Barb" Jean Racki Kochalka, 78, of Davidson, NC, formerly of Plainfield, IL, passed away on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Novant Health Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte. She was born on April 17, 1943, in Joliet, IL to the late Nicholas and Dorothy Jagodnik Racki. In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Kochalka.

She worked as a Sales Associate at Marshall Field's Department Store before her retirement. While she enjoyed crocheting and playing games, enjoying time with her family was always her first priority and she gave her love abundantly as a mom, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Barbara is survived by her sons, Dean Kochalka and wife, Theresa, of Mooresville and

Daryl Kochalka and wife, Tina, of Plainfield, IL; granddaughters, Jamie Langdon and husband, Tate of Denver, NC and Stevi Fritts and husband, Brad of Denver, NC; great-grandchildren, Mika, Harper, Bennett, and Grady; sisters, Berni Cummings of Plainfield, IL and Lynn Wilber of Channahon, IL.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, July 13, from 11-1 pm at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. Services will be at 1:00 pm in the Chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at Willow Valley Cemetery.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC864hAs96dTRLVVL1la0Qlw/videos?vie>

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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Kochalka family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Willow Valley Cemetery

Church Street
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

JUL 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Roberts - July 13, 2021 at 08:42 PM

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michael roberts - July 13, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.



July 12, 2021 at 04:02 PM

SS

“ Cousin Barb you will be missed, you were such a beautiful person, we loved you dearly

sharon sherrell - July 12, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.



July 12, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ I truly feel blessed to have had Barb for my Mother-In-Law for over 25 years. I could not have asked for anyone better. She was such a stable figure in my life especially at a time when my own mother could not be. I have so many Great memories with Barb & Frank both. She was truly a beautiful person, inside & out and I will sadly miss her. Love Always, Karen Mika Lusk

Karen Lusk - July 12, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Loved our cousin Barbie. Hugs to family. Love you all

Valerie Shawmeker - July 12, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ The Connection SBDM Team purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.



The Connection SBDM Team - July 12, 2021 at 10:16 AM

GA

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Kochalka family on the passing of Aunt Barb. We will miss her...and, btw, best apple strudel ever! Her memory lives on, stay strong and find peace.
With love, Gary and Ryan Kaczynski

GaryKaczynski - July 12, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.



July 12, 2021 at 07:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.



July 11, 2021 at 11:56 PM

NF

“ My family the Furlan’s, Dan, Jarred, Courtnee, and myself are sending condolences to all of Barb’s family and friends. I met Barb and Frank when we moved next door to them August 1st of 1990. It was instant friendship between the two families. With my family spread all over the country Barb and Frank filled many gaps for me. Barb treated my kids like grandkids and did so many special things for them through the years especially at holiday times. She always had a special Halloween, Christmas, and Easter gift for them. These were just some of the things that made her so special to me and my family. Not only was she kind, generous, and always willing to help, she would go above and beyond to make you feel special. To tell the truth Frank was right there by her side doing the same. There have been so many outstanding events through our friendship that it would take hours to mention all her kindness. The ones that stand out the most were; we had a Christmas tradition of going out to dinner every year to celebrate. We would usually end up at Syl’s and then at their house for gift exchange. We never missed. This coming Christmas I will still toast her, but not the same as her sitting across from me. Another all time favorite Barb moment was only a couple of months after moving in and we had lots of family coming in to see the house and celebrate. Barb knew I was stressing out about how was I going to manage to get home from work, go to airport, and do dinner for everyone. When I arrived home and started running around like a maniac, she brought over a fully cooked spaghetti dinner, salad, bread, and dessert for 12 people! I burst into tears and hugged her. No one ever did anything so wonderful for me before. That is the kind of person Barb was. We watched each other’s families grow. Weddings, grandkids, great grandkids, graduations, anniversaries and yes even deaths. We always celebrated each other’s special days. We were family to each other. Since Frank’s death and us going back and forth to Colorado for my grandkids our time together suffered a bit, and FaceTime became our new norm. But family is what made Barb tick. She loved you all so deeply. Most of our conversations were about family. She was so proud of all of you and she beamed. Barb I love you dearly and will

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Nancee Furlan - July 11, 2021 at 09:53 PM

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Nancee Gurlan - July 11, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.*



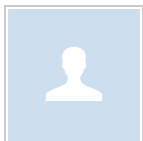
July 11, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.*



July 11, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.*



July 11, 2021 at 04:01 PM

SP

“ *Sister Lynn, Sister Berni and Brother-in-law Packy purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.*



Sister Lynn, Sister Berni and Brother-in-law Packy - July 11, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.*



July 11, 2021 at 02:43 PM

RK

“ *Rob. Rich, Amy, Nick, Alli, Nat, Ben and Kate purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.*



Rob. Rich, Amy, Nick, Alli, Nat, Ben and Kate - July 11, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Kochalka.*



July 11, 2021 at 09:54 AM