



Barbara Kelley

February 13, 1950 - November 10, 2024

Barbara Kelley, age 74, of Chaska, Minnesota, passed peacefully on November 10, 2024.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 10:00 AM Saturday morning, November 16th, at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 105 Forestview Lane N, Plymouth MN.

Barbara was born to Richard V. Kelley and Evelyn Crew Kelley on February 13, 1950, in Santa Maria, California. She was the second of two children.

Her early life was spent in California, Colorado, Montana and Minnesota. She graduated from Chaska High School and then attended Minnesota State University (formally Mankato State College) in Mankato, Minnesota.

Barbara spent over twenty years working in several positions for the IBEW Local Union 292 in Minneapolis. Her favorite assignment was the time she spent in the hiring hall. She retired from local 292 on July 1, 2012.

Barbara's greatest joy was playing the piano and organ. Her musical talents were a source of inspiration for many. She started at Sacred Heart Catholic Church as their organist before moving to St. Raphael Catholic Church to serve as organist and director of the Praise Ensemble for many years.

Barbara will be missed by many friends, students and musicians with whom she shared her talents.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her Brother Walter and wife Magali Kelley, Nephews Richard, wife Starla Kelley, and Erik Kelley. Grandniece Aubrey Kelley, and Grandnephew Jonathan and wife Eva Kelley. All reside in Amarillo, Texas. Her two godsons Patrick Day and Joseph Wilson reside in the Minneapolis area.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the Nurses, Care Takers, and Staff at Auburn Courts and Auburn Manor. These very talented and caring people provided outstanding care and comfort to Barbara for over 10 years, for which the family is truly thankful.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Barbara's memory to Moravian Care Foundation, 501 Oak Street N, Chaska, MN 55318 for distribution to Auburn Manor and Courts. Your contribution will help continue Barbara's legacy of care and compassion.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church
105 Forestview Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

Tribute Wall

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“ *I loved Barb! She was always so kind to me. I was in Choir and also Praise Ensemble, which she started and directed. She helped our family in a time of need.*

During Mass last Sunday, I started harmonizing on one of the hymns, and remembered how she always encouraged that, and it brought me to tears.

I have been praying for her since she went to her care home, and will continue to pray for the repose of her soul. I can only imagine her accompanying the Choirs of Angels! In Paradisum, dear Barb!

Anne Cramer - November 13, 2024 at 08:24 PM