



Barbara Ann Keup

September 15, 2016

Barbara A. (Weston) Keup, 76, of 1011 Clover Leaf Parkway NE, Blaine, MN died Thursday, September 15, 2016, in Mercy Hospital, Coon Rapids, MN.

She was born November 30, 1939 in Superior, WI and resided there for 72 years. For the past 4 years she lived in Anoka County, MN, to be near her daughter. She was married to Richard John Keup on March 17, 1959 and celebrated 44 years of marriage at the time of his death in 2003.

She was a dedicated homemaker that was never employed outside of her home.

She currently attended Riverdale Assembly of God in Andover, MN, was a member of Central Assembly of God in Superior, WI, the St. James Prayer Group, Son Seekers and was very active in Christian Ministry, having worked many years with nursing home and prison ministries. She loved music and spent hours listening to her CD's, watching the Polka Party on TV with friends where she lived, playing the accordion and singing . She participated in a music ministry at CAG. Recently, she became a part of a Christian choir that was formed at the apartment building she lived at.

She loved the Lord Jesus deeply and it was her mission to spread His word of Love to as many as she could reach. She is remembered by many as loving,

gentle, kind, caring and a good friend, who was always smiling and spreading happiness to those around her.

She is survived by a daughter, Lori (Michael) Zimmer, Anoka, MN, a son, Bradley (Karen) Keup of Austin, Texas, four Grandchildren, Melissa (Chris) Buesgen, Leah Kotera, Joshua Keup and Jacob Keup, three Great-Grandchildren, Brenden Kotera, Addisyn Buesgen and Rhylee Buesgen.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard, her parents, Edward and Regina Weston and a special canine friend, Snoopy.

Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 30, 2016 in the Riverdale Assembly of God Church at 3210 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW, Andover, MN 55304. A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. by Pastor Rick Santiago. A luncheon will follow the service in the fellowship hall. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Superior, WI at a later date and to be announced.

Active Pallbearers will be: Michael Zimmer, Christopher Buesgen, Brenden Kotera and Rhylee Buesgen

Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels
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Coon rapids, MN 55433
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lori Zinmer lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Keup*



Lori Zinmer - October 13, 2016 at 09:57 AM

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“ *In memory of my Aunt Barbara, to her children, grandchildren, and her beautiful great grandchildren*

Aunt Barb recently joined my Uncle Dick in heaven. She gave my dad a hug for me. I know this, because it was what I was thinking about the night she moved on. I was wondering if I would be brave enough to ask the next aunt or uncle I lost, to pass on my hug. I would never have had to ask Aunt Barb. She would have just did it.

My dad died when I was a teenager. My grandmother died shortly after. I had a wonderful step-dad, but these losses left a huge void in my life. We all mourn differently, but I latched on to this special couple. I saw them rarely, always dropped in unannounced, and even once showed up after midnight, asking for their comfort and a place to stay.

Aunt Barb was so loving. She never seemed to mind the inconvenience I must have caused. She was the most hospitable person I have ever known. Lori, her daughter takes after her. Her hugs were true, her laughter genuine, and her home welcoming. When I stopped by, they would talk about my dad, the bible, and love.

Aunt Barb will be missed. But she is where she is meant to be. I don't think it is possible to recover from the loss of a mother or grandmother. They take the part of you that you gave them. But, please take comfort that they have left you a very special part of themselves that only you can touch. And take comfort in their strong faith, for surely you will be reunited someday.

Tracey Messerly - September 23, 2016 at 01:36 PM

 Julie Haugen

“ *Barb and Lori sit in front of me almost every Sunday. She was always ready with a hug and we would exchange how we were doing. And every time Pastor Rick said to greet someone each Sunday morning I would give her a hug and say "love you, Barbie Doll" just to get a little "oh you!" and a giggle from her for calling her that. She only let Me call her that I will have you know! As I read her obituary there were things I never knew about her. She was a lot more involved in different things and musically talented than I knew. It is sad that we don't have the time to get to know people better, but I knew enough about her to know that she was a wonderful, loving and caring Christian woman who loved the Lord and I know I will see her smiling face again!*



Julie Haugen - September 22, 2016 at 11:52 AM



Recalling all of the wonderful memories when I was young visiting Aunt Barb, Uncle Dick, Brad and Lori in Superior on our family vacations. What wonderful and loving Christian!

David Keup - September 23, 2016 at 02:23 PM

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I (Pat Bracken) have been trying to reach Barb. Her husband Dick, and her, were good friends of my husband John and I. Dick and John were like brothers. After Dick's passing, Barb and I kept in touch. Then, Barb moved out of the Duluth/Superior area and I was not able to reach her. Now I know that she is at peace and she'll be very missed. This is a shock but I'm glad she's with the Lord, always, Pat Bracken.

Kelly Jo Abu Azzam - December 31, 2016 at 08:24 PM