



## Rita Cecelia Barland Baron

November 22, 1932 - January 26, 2023

Rita C. Barland Baron, age 90, of Brooklyn Center, MN passed away January 26th, 2023. Preceded in death by husbands, Gerald Barland and Benjamin Baron; siblings, Robert Prokott, Jeanette Webb; grandson, Eric Richardson. Survived by children, Linda, Janice Koelblinger, Julie (Bill) Richardson, Steven (Kandus), Rose (Bob) Payne, Rob (Gayle), Diana (Steve) Bristlin, Carol (Bob) Johnson; siblings, Dolores Madden, Dorothy Corser, Marge Lehrke; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial to be held Friday February 3rd at 11 AM with visitation one hour prior at The Church of St. Gerard Majella 9600 Regent Ave N Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. Interment at Gethsemane Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church  
9600 Regent Avenue North  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“What I remember most is the chaos of family vacations and everyone trying to corral a boatload of kids in a couple of station wagons, occasionally leaving one or two of us at a gas station along the way. That was our version of life with the Barlands. It grew from there to seeing one another at weddings, family reunions, other gatherings and celebrations throughout the years and never skipping a beat. It was great fun to watch mom, Rita, Bob, Dorothy, Marge and Jeanette reminisce about their childhood and spilling family secrets, or telling the stories of their “sister trips”. Rita will be with you always. She loved well and was well loved. Love, Sue Madden (Rita’s niece)

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**Sue Madden** - February 03, 2023 at 03:41 PM

JK

Sue, You captured our family trips perfectly, made me chuckle! They were such special times. 💕 Mom’s service was lovely and she looked beautiful just as she would like. Thank you for your kind words Love, Jan

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**Janice Koelblinger** - February 04, 2023 at 05:24 PM

SM

“When I was a kid we’d go to Minnesota every couple of years, and I’d get to see family and play with my cousins and be eaten by mosquitoes. I haven’t been back too often as an adult, so I was glad that Rita was able to come to Colorado a few times in recent years so I could see her. When we went to Garden of the Gods, she thought it was very nice of us to walk at a slow pace with her, and we were glad to do it. I always enjoy listening to my Mom, Dolores, talk about when the two of them were young women, when they left the farm to work in the city, and how close they were, just starting their adult lives. We love you, Rita.

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**Sandy Madden** - February 03, 2023 at 12:27 PM

JK

*So sweet Sandy. We are lucky to have such wonderful family members. When I would call mom, I would try to get her to talk about her early life, she sometimes remembered more about that than what was going on currently. It was very sweet. 💕 Jan*

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**Janice Koelblinger** - February 04, 2023 at 05:27 PM

PM

“ *I have very fond memories of our yearly visits to Minnesota after we moved to Colorado. It was like coming home. It was always fun, Thank you all for welcoming us so graciously. I'm so sorry that Aunt Rita had so many painful issues to deal with, I know it was so difficult for her and for all of you. My mom was so happy to be able to tell Rita she loved her and have Rita say "I love you, too" on the 25th. It was very special to her. I hope all your happy memories are a comfort. You have my love and support. Love Patty (Madden), niece.*

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**Patty Madden** - February 01, 2023 at 09:43 PM

JK

*Patty, You are all so special to us, we have some wonderful cousins. Thank you for your kind words and love and support. It was nice to see our cousins that were able to come to Mom's service too. We are definitely going to miss Mom but are happy she's comfortable now. 💕 Love, Jan*

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**Janice Koelblinger** - February 04, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kami Holm** - February 01, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ Love her. Miss her. Thank you everyone for your kind words.



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**Carol Johnson** - February 01, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ My condolences to all the Barland siblings on the passing of your mom.

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**Fink** - January 31, 2023 at 11:19 PM

LF

“ Love Dolores & family & Dorothy & family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Rita Cecelia Barland Baron.



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**Love Dolores & family & Dorothy & family** - January 31, 2023 at 01:15 PM

TF

“ The Prokotts- Marlene, Kathy, Barb, Joan, Patty, Joe, Dan, and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Cecelia Barland Baron.



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**The Prokotts- Marlene, Kathy, Barb, Joan, Patty, Joe, Dan, and families** - January 30, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Cecelia Barland Baron.



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January 30, 2023 at 12:56 PM

JL

“ I have many memories and love of Aunt Rita, Jerry & Ben. She was a stable and calm force of reason. I feel blessed to have fond memories at Gordy & Marges Shing-Wako resor when Jerry helped with rebuilding Cabins. Water skiing with Rob and friendships with Steve and the girls. God Bless. Love from Jeff Lehrke.



Jeff Lehrke - January 29, 2023 at 03:36 PM

JU

Thank you Jeff. I remember when your family lived in St. Paul? We used to visit family to family.

Julie - January 29, 2023 at 04:20 PM

JL

Yes, healthy family ties forever.

Jeff Lehrke - January 29, 2023 at 04:31 PM

SG

“ Sending my condolences. I remember great aunt Rita in the context of her siblings - either laughing together, playing games together or some “oh, honestly!” expressions at eachother.

With love, Sara Gardner (granddaughter of Marge Lehrke)

Sara Gardner - January 28, 2023 at 12:16 PM

JU

Thank you Sara.

Julie - January 28, 2023 at 01:48 PM

AG

“ Sending my condolences and love to all of my extended family. My great aunt Rita was always kind. I'll hold memories of Scrabble playing and joking around with her and her sisters. Sharing this photo of my mom Paula with Rita, Marge, Dorothy, and Bob.

*With love, Anna Gardner*



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**Anna Gardner** - January 28, 2023 at 11:05 AM

JU

*Thank you Anna. I now have possession of mom's Scrabble board, so if your ever in town...*

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**Julie** - January 28, 2023 at 01:52 PM