



## Barbara Richter

August 13, 1954 - May 24, 2022

The memorial Mass for Barb Richter of rural Verndale will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 3, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall in Wadena, with a Christian Mother's rosary at 5:00 and prayers at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Burial was held previously in St. Hubert's Catholic Cemetery, Blue Grass, MN.

Barbara Anne (Macho) Richter passed away on May 24, 2022, at her home near Verndale, MN, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. She fought valiantly.

Barb was born on Friday, August 13, 1954, to Caroline Alberta "Tutti" (Adamietz) Macho and Isidor Henry Hubert Macho at Thiel Hospital, Bertha, MN. (Many of you are nodding your head thinking, "Ah, Friday the 13th. That explains so much!" As it should. Barb was a spitfire and the universe tried to warn us.) She was the oldest of seven children, Barb, Mary, Joe, Darlene, Monica, Victor, and Joyce. She graduated from Sebeka High School in 1972.

Barb met Dennis Richter in the summer of '69. Needless to say, it was love at first sight. The story went something like this: both were at the roller rink after

an incident that started with jaywalking and ended with a strawberry malt thrown at Dennis' GTO's windshield. You can guess who did what. Later, when they saw the strawberry malt girl at the roller rink, Dennis' friends dared him to skate with her. Never one to turn down a dare, especially one with a financial payoff, Dennis bravely asked Barb to skate. Barb, being amused, allowed him to skate with her. The rest is history. Barb and Dennis were married on August 19, 1972, in Blue Grass, MN. Barb and Dennis went on to have four children, Tyna, DJ, Jessica, and Theresa.

Barb had a long and varied career. She worked on the farm, throwing 100 pound haybales on sweltering summer days. She waitressed at Ted and Gen's in Aldrich. Most recently she waitressed at Oma's in Wadena, just to visit with people, and maybe a little for the treats. She was a bookkeeper for RTI Trucking. Barb stayed home to raise her four delightful and rambunctious little children. She drove bus and was a Title One Paraprofessional at Bertha-Hewitt Schools, where she received multiple awards for her work. Some of her fondest memories were with her one-on-one kids from school. She loved both the kids and the adults. Over the years, Barb also taught many CCD classes. Her most recent group went on to receive their first communion this May. Wherever Barb went, she had fun and loved her work. She was a people person. She loved people, and they loved her.

Barb had many hobbies and always enjoyed reading, gardening, being with her family, and traveling. Barb loved traveling with her family, especially if it was to see other family and friends. Her favorite trips were seeing the Pope in Rome, and Caroline in Switzerland. She loved working on her farm with her chickens and various other animals. She always had a soft spot for animals. She took in many different furry friends over her life, including a raccoon when she was young, a deer, and once she even cared for a lost pet skunk. Animals seemed to know that they would find a safe haven with Barb. She took first place in several three-wheeler pulls and was always up for adventure. But

honestly, we think she enjoyed pranks more than anything else. To this day, there are people who will check their car handles before opening the door, just in case Barb has been in town and decided to spread peanut butter or Karo syrup on them. I believe it is mandatory to lock the bus doors in bus garages at night due to Barb teasing another driver when she left a stuffed skunk on his seat. Large family get togethers were always risky. We have heard many stories of food fights, and there is one special ham sandwich that has quite a history. No card sent would be complete without the requisite glitter bomb.

There are more stories, but they aren't being shared because some pranks still haven't been attributed to her, and the family wants to let her keep her secrets.

Barb was preceded in death by her mother, Caroline Macho.

She is survived by her father, Isidor; husband, Dennis; children: Tyna (Bill Hornung), Dj (Sara Swenby), Jessica (Dave Burskey) , and Theresa (Abdulgader Elazhari); and grandchildren: Evan, David, Benjamin and Alexandra.

In lieu of flowers, Barb requested that donations in her memory be made to Covenant House. ([www.covenanthouse.org](http://www.covenanthouse.org))

Barb had hospice care from Lakewood Health System in Staples, organized by Dr. Julie Mayers-Benson and Alexis. Alexis was an angel sent to Barb and Dennis in their time of need and the family would like to thank her for her dedication.

Barb was one-of-a kind. She was glad to have you as a friend, and tolerated some of us as relatives. She wished for more time with you, because she did

love you. Thank you for being here for her. Barbara's Family

# Cemetery Details

## St. Hubert's Catholic Cemetery

17343 220th Street  
Sebeka, MN 56477

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall  
514 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Rosary

JUN 2. 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall  
514 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Prayers

JUN 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall  
514 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Visitation

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JUN 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN

## Memorial Service

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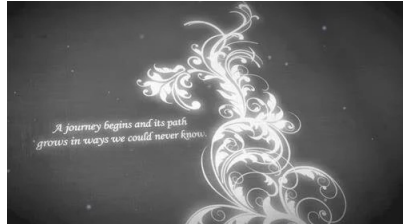
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - May 27, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Dave Schumacher** - June 21, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ *Rick & Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Rick & Linda Youngbauer** - June 02, 2022 at 10:34 AM

LB

“ *Lucille Belch & Jack Belch lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Lucille Belch & Jack Belch - June 02, 2022 at 09:46 AM

BS

“ *Bruce & Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Bruce & Trish Steinkopf - June 01, 2022 at 11:06 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Barbara Richter.*



June 01, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Richter.*



June 01, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara Richter.*



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June 01, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Kimberly Butler lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Kimberly Butler** - May 31, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *Lynda Wosmek lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Lynda Wosmek** - May 30, 2022 at 07:44 PM

JJ

“ *Dennis and all of Barbs families. God needed her and she suffers no more. Growing up it was truly an honor to know her. She was indeed a happy-go-lucky caring person. Even though we as friends didn't see each other as often as we would like, she and all of you have always been in our thoughts n prayers. This world has gotten so fast. I loved the simpler time like we had growing up. We had a lot of fun times at Basketball games n trips to Wadena. We were privileged to know her. Please know we pray for all of you to have peace n comfort in the days ahead and know to that we will be together again as our LORD and SAVIOR has promised. Until then, keep her memories alive and share them often. GODS PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL. Our deepest sympathy. Jackie n Jay n families.*

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**Jackie and Jay** - May 29, 2022 at 02:14 PM

ML

“ *Mary Tom Ludovissie lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*

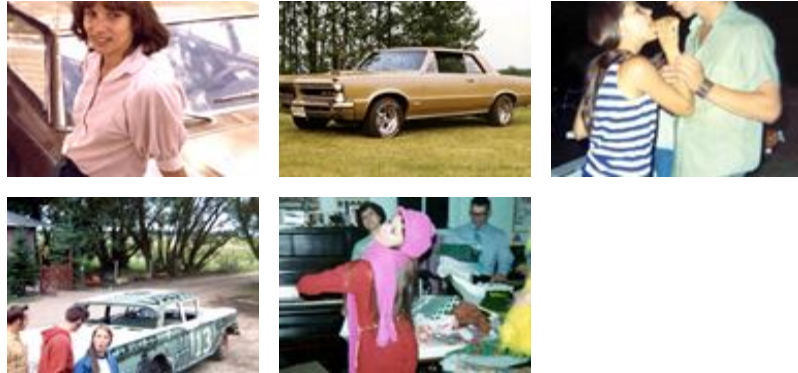


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**Mary Tom Ludovissie** - May 28, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 27, 2022 at 04:53 PM

GK

“ Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - May 27, 2022 at 01:19 PM

JD

“ Jerry & Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Jerry & Janice Denny - May 27, 2022 at 08:44 AM

VT

“ So very sorry about your loss. Barb had a fun way about her and was a hard worker. Our prayers are with Dennis and children. Jim and Vickie Thompson

Vickie Thompson - May 27, 2022 at 04:04 AM

TS

“ Sooo many memories of Barb being my bus driver !! Once she took me back to the bus garage and made me wash all the bus windows (on her bus) with my middle finger (I flipped someone off).. I had to sit on the stairs all the time .. sooo many memories !!! Reminds me of how big of a pain I was to such a nice lady !!! RIP !!! We also had some good conversations :)

Tanya Schaufel - May 26, 2022 at 10:32 PM

TS

“ So sorry to hear !! Barb was an amazing woman, she will be deeply missed ! Sending my condolences to the family ! Praying for all.



Tanya Schaufel - May 26, 2022 at 10:26 PM

JB

“ Janice Bastian lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Janice Bastian - May 26, 2022 at 09:15 PM

RB

“ Ray & Dorothy Beyer lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Ray & Dorothy Beyer - May 26, 2022 at 08:56 PM

SS

“ I can't recall a time where Barb wasn't smiling. She brought joy to everyone she met and will be deeply missed.

Stephanie Silvers - May 26, 2022 at 03:27 PM

WL

“ Wadena City Library lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Wadena City Library - May 26, 2022 at 01:16 PM

RF

“ Renee Frethem lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Renee Frethem - May 26, 2022 at 01:14 PM

LH

“ My heart is broken...Oh Sweet Barbie, what will we do without you??? You were the wind beneath our wings! You were the sunshine in our eyes! You were the glitter under our feet! The peanut butter under our fingernails! The spiders in our cups! The mice on our desks! The crunched food in our hands! The sign taped to our backs! We will love you and remember you forever!

Lisa & Darrell Hoemberg - May 26, 2022 at 01:11 PM

CR

“ The loss of someone dear to us is never easy, please accept our deepest condolences. Gary & Cindy Richter



Cindy Richter - May 26, 2022 at 01:09 PM

LJ

“ Lisa & Joyce lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Lisa & Joyce - May 26, 2022 at 01:08 PM

CR

“ My best memory of Barb was the day she and I took our kids to the water slide in Carlos. It was a great day. Happy children, happy moms. That is what life is about. The days that stand out in our memories. Barb lives on in such memories. Cindy & Gary Richter

Cindy Richter - May 26, 2022 at 12:54 PM

MS

“ My favorite Barb memory is this: One day I was at the top of the stairs in the high school and saw an elementary student pulling himself up along the stair railing like he was a mountain climber. I was just about to tell him to behave and get back to class when Barb came around the corner of the staircase -- pulling herself up like a mountain climber and saying, "Hurry up, buddy!". Barb was truly one in a million, and she will be greatly missed. XOXO

Meg Schuller - May 26, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Richter.



May 26, 2022 at 11:03 AM

KB

“ Ken And Judy Broker sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Richter



Ken and Judy Broker - May 26, 2022 at 09:51 AM

BF

“ Brothers & Baum Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barbara Richter.



Brothers & Baum Families - May 26, 2022 at 09:49 AM

LF

“ Prayers to Barb's family, she was a wonderful woman!!



Lucinda and Bryan Wegscheid family - May 26, 2022 at 07:43 AM

Jl

“ Jocelynn Iwen(buchholz) lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



jocelynn iwen(buchholz) - May 26, 2022 at 07:02 AM

DG

“ Thinking of you & your family Theresa.  
We're very sorry about your Mother's passing.  
We wish you all peace, love and in time a celebration of life for she & your father gave us beautiful you  
Love,  
Debbie & Shayne Gilder



Debbie & Shayne Gilder - May 26, 2022 at 01:13 AM

TH

Thank you Debbie and Shayne. They are the best parents I could've ever asked for!

Theresa - June 01, 2022 at 02:29 PM

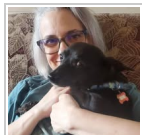
DS

“ *Barb was such an upbeat person! She waited on us a few months ago at Oma’s. Such a positive outlook on life! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Bob and Deb Sieling*

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**Deb Sieling** - May 26, 2022 at 12:05 AM



“ *I am lucky to see Barb's influence every day in my daughter. Barb was her para, safe place and friend. In that, Barb became my friend. She will be sorely missed but joyfully remembered. Rest well, Barb.*

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**Sarah Ikola** - May 25, 2022 at 11:37 PM

JP

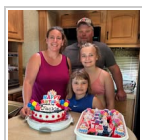
“ *Expressing our sincere sympathy to Barbs family. Always enjoyed her positive outlook. She was a joy to be around, and the children at school loved her! cherish the memories.*

*Judy and John pokorney*



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**judy pokorney** - May 25, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ *May you Rest In Peace. Thinking and praying for all of you during this time.*



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**Amanda Kimber** - May 25, 2022 at 10:32 PM

DW

“ *Debbie And Doug Wright lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Debbie and Doug Wright** - May 25, 2022 at 10:31 PM

KG

“ *Kevin And Gail Goeden lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Kevin and Gail Goeden** - May 25, 2022 at 10:22 PM

LO

“ *I was a licensed daycare in Hewitt and about six years ago Barb pulled in with the bus...I thought to myself that I wasn't expecting a child to be dropped off but Barb got off the bus and stated that she thought she saw my cat on the highway. My heart was shocked and broken to even fathom the idea but I knew I had to go see if it was Darjealing. I then proceeded to ask her if she could stay with the one child I had left for the day and she insisted. I did go get him off the highway and she was an angel to have gone out of her way to help. I'll always thank her for that special gesture. My heart hurts for the family!*

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**Lori Ostrowski** - May 25, 2022 at 10:21 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Sue White lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Bill and Sue White** - May 25, 2022 at 10:11 PM

CW

“ *Barb will be GREATLY missed, as we so appreciated her and Dennis' friendship and kindness when Charlie was sick!! Such a kind soul!*

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**Charlie & Diane Wachlin** - May 25, 2022 at 10:06 PM

SF

“ *Scott And Darlene Fah lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Scott and Darlene Fah** - May 25, 2022 at 09:41 PM

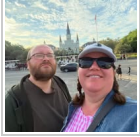
LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Linda McIntire** - May 25, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Heidi Stokes lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Heidi Stokes** - May 25, 2022 at 09:18 PM

TO

“ *Trapper & Tina (Stokes) Olson*



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**Trapper & Tina Olson** - May 25, 2022 at 08:18 PM

DT

“ *So many wonderful memories of Barb. My most touching one is when Lynn was near to his death and she brought his favorite Ted & Gen's ribs and fed them to him. Loved her much.*

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**Diane Teigland** - May 25, 2022 at 07:23 PM

RR

“ *Rick And Rosann lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Rick and Rosann** - May 25, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *A strong wonderful woman.* ”

PatLee Kicker - May 25, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *John And Mary Allen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter* ”



john and mary allen - May 25, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter* ”



Leo Haisman - May 25, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ *So sorry, Ben & Regina Tellers* ”



Ben Tellers - May 25, 2022 at 03:49 PM

CV

“ Working with Barb at the Bertha School was such a joy. Everyday she made me laugh, with her goofy humor and actions, never a dull moment. She would lend a hand if it was needed and have a kind word for everyone. May God give you peace through this difficult time.

Caroline Venis - May 25, 2022 at 03:46 PM

LT

Condolences to Barb's family. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. RIP Barb.

Les & Sarah Thorstenson - May 25, 2022 at 10:01 PM

GH

“ Gene And Kathy Hinman lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Gene and Kathy Hinman - May 25, 2022 at 03:44 PM

BH

“ Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Bob & Donna Haman - May 25, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ I remember seeing Barb all the time since Theresa and I spent a lot of time together. One night we were watching the scary movie Seven and she hid behind the couch and waited to scare us. When a dramatic party came she jumped up and scared us. We all laughed so hard. I also remember her always honking the horn on the bus at my stop for school in high school. When I heard the horn I would jump out of bed and run to the bus. She was always laughing at me and making me smile. You will be missed.

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**Kelly Dague** - May 25, 2022 at 03:14 PM

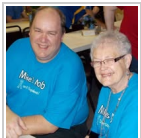


“ Rosemary And Chuck Jernberg lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



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**Rosemary and Chuck Jernberg** - May 25, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ Mike Ortmann lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



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**Mike Ortmann** - May 25, 2022 at 02:06 PM

RK

“ *Rich & Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Rich & Mavis Kendall - May 25, 2022 at 01:16 PM

PM

“ *Barb what a wonderful lady you were!!! Always a smile on your face and enough energy for 5 people. You lit up the room everytime you walked into it. I will miss you my friend, but there is no more pain and I'm glad for that. You are with our Savior in his arms seeing that glorious place. Rest in peace now your work is done.*



Penny McManigle - May 25, 2022 at 12:22 PM

GT

“ *George And Terri lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



George and Terri - May 25, 2022 at 12:08 PM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Glen Donna Wood - May 25, 2022 at 11:28 AM

MW

“ *Marty & Carol Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Marty & Carol Wegscheid** - May 25, 2022 at 10:36 AM

BC

“ *Becky Crooker lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Becky Crooker** - May 25, 2022 at 09:58 AM

SO

“ *Her and I worked so hard for Para certification a awesome lady God watch over you all*

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**Sharyl Olson** - May 25, 2022 at 09:51 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Patty Desrocher** - May 25, 2022 at 09:45 AM

DA

“ *Di Schiller Anderson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Di Schiller Anderson - May 25, 2022 at 09:43 AM

MF

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*



Marie Fraune - May 25, 2022 at 09:04 AM

GG

“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Richter*



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - May 25, 2022 at 08:48 AM

HD

“ *Harry And Judy Dahlin lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Harry and Judy Dahlin - May 25, 2022 at 08:43 AM

EP

“ *My heart is broken. She fought so well and earned her wings. Bless her dear family Lord.  
Embrace them with Your love and peace. We humbly send our condolences.*

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**Elaine and Paul** - May 25, 2022 at 08:35 AM

DR

“ *David & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**david & barb rousslang** - May 25, 2022 at 08:24 AM

BK

“ *She took care of so many people, her love for life, family and friends was to be admired. Watching Barb connect with kids at work was a joy. And for staff at work, she kept us on our toes. Always happy, always offering a hand to anyone that needed it. Thanks for our friendship and laughter. Will miss you so much. Love and prayers to the family.  
Brenda*



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**Brenda Kempe** - May 25, 2022 at 07:39 AM

JB

“ *John And Audrey Blashack lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**John and Audrey Blashack** - May 25, 2022 at 07:33 AM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Jon Johnson - May 25, 2022 at 07:26 AM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Dan Kern - May 25, 2022 at 06:44 AM

BC

“ *Brent & Tabitha Captain lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Brent & Tabitha Captain - May 25, 2022 at 04:43 AM

JA

“ *Jessica Anderson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



Jessica Anderson - May 25, 2022 at 12:07 AM

JA

“ *Barb always, always, knew how to light up a room. Her smile, laugh, and humor, always made me smile and everyone else around her. You will be missed by so many. So sorry for your family's loss, Richter family. You all are in my prayers and thoughts.* ❤️

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**Jessica Anderson** - May 25, 2022 at 12:06 AM



“ *Julie Hinman Lucken lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Julie Hinman Lucken** - May 24, 2022 at 11:40 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Rita Anderson** - May 24, 2022 at 11:38 PM

MA

“ *Mark & Barb Allen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Mark & Barb Allen** - May 24, 2022 at 10:43 PM

RI

“ From our family to yours, our heartfelt thoughts go out to you in this difficult time. We are only a phone call away. Tim, Sharon, Sara & Stacy

Richter - May 24, 2022 at 10:39 PM

LH

“ Larry & Belinda Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter



Larry & Belinda Hoffman - May 24, 2022 at 10:30 PM

KM

“ Such good memories were made with Barb while working together at B-H school. Always good for a laugh. Love and sympathy to Barb's family.



Karen Meinz - May 24, 2022 at 10:19 PM

DL

“ Denny and family. We are so sorry for the loss of your wife, mother and Grandma Barb. She was such a sweet lady with a crazy sense of humor. She will be missed.



Dennis & Linda Loween - May 24, 2022 at 09:05 PM

LW

“ *Louie And Tina Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



**Louie and Tina Wegscheid** - May 24, 2022 at 08:57 PM

GM

“ *To my sweet sister Barb I love you so much I will miss you dearly, you have been so kind to me all my life, you are one in a million. We are keeping your family in our prayers, asking God to help them get through this difficult time*



**Gene and Mary** - May 24, 2022 at 08:25 PM

DO

“ *Doug & Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



**Doug & Joan Ostlund** - May 24, 2022 at 08:06 PM

AT

“ *I will forever Barb's glorious smile and kind heart in school. Such a sweet lady gone way too soon. My deepest sympathies to her family. April*



**april templin** - May 24, 2022 at 08:06 PM

JR

“ *Jim And Jenny Roeder lit a candle in memory of Barbara Richter*



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**Jim and Jenny Roeder** - May 24, 2022 at 08:02 PM