



Barbara E. Kay

June 15, 2021

Barbara “Barb” Ellen Kay (nee Smith) was granted her angel wings on June 15, 2021 at the age of 72 after a courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer. She passed peacefully in her sleep at Aurora Zilber Family Hospice. She spent her last days surrounded by family and friends who will continue to honor her legacy by living life to the fullest.

Barb was born on September 7, 1948, in West Allis, to Harold and Veronica (nee Suchorski) Smith. When she was a little girl she used to dance in front of the hallway mirror, so her mom enrolled her in tap dancing lessons at Central High School. Barb attended Pius High School, where afterwards she received her license as a beautician. She worked at Velvet Touch (Touch of Genius) in West Allis and also worked at a beauty shop on Burleigh St. in Milwaukee. Barb met her future husband the late Phillip “Phil” Kay at CYPC (Christian Young Peoples Club) dance on his birthday, after he was out of the service. It just so happens that her parents had their wedding reception at a CYPC dance at St. Augustine’s. This is where, Phil gave her his Army ring. They married on November 21, 1970 and had three children: Lori, Steven, and Joseph. Some of her hobbies included playing in a girl’s baseball league and bowling. She was an active member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She was recruited by her sister Carol to work for the State. Later Barb went on to work at Supreme Meats Inc. which she retired from after 30 years. Barb loved to collect angels. Her favorite color was orange. She also enjoyed her visits to

Potawatomi and Las Vegas. Her last trip to Vegas was with her daughter Lori and her grandson, Christian for his 21st birthday.

Barb enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them.

She was a devoted grandmother to Christian, Evan, Dillon, and Marley and new great-grandson: Greyson.

She is survived by her children: Tony Larke, Lori (Ray) Deverney, Steven (Roz) Kay, Joseph (Marie) Kay, grandchildren: Christian Deverney, Evan Kay, Dillon Kay and Marley Kay; great grandson: Greyson Deverney, siblings: Carol Smith, Nancy (Danny) Zacharias, Janet Smith, Jim (Beverley) Smith, David Smith, also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Veronica (nee Suchorski) Smith and her loving husband of 46 years Philip "Phil" Kay.

Special thanks to Aurora Zilber Hospice Care Team.

Memorial Visitation Tuesday, June 29 at the FUNERAL HOME from 4:00 to 6:00 PM followed by a Memorial Service at 6:00 PM.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services

Rozga-Walloch Chapel

4309 S. 20th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53221

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathies to Lori, Steve, Joe and the family. Sending love and prayers to all. Your Mom will be missed.*

Benjamin Genner - June 29, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara E. Kay.*



June 29, 2021 at 07:26 AM

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“ *I have known Barb Kay as a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother for over 30 years. I will miss the joy she brought to Steve and Evan, and the rest of her family and friends. Till we meet again.*

William and Jeryll Bushman

William Bushman - June 28, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Barbara E. Kay.*



June 28, 2021 at 09:35 PM

MA

“ I enjoyed Barb's company. She would come and watch the Packers games, played cards with her in the past. She liked it when I would take her over a ham sandwich, donut, and chocolate chip cookies. She always kept an up spirit with all she was going thru.

Marilyn - June 28, 2021 at 02:27 PM

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“ I was very sad to hear of Barb's passing. I am sure she is in a better place and not suffering anymore. My deepest sympathy to your family. I had the best of times growing up and getting into all kinds of trouble with Barb in our younger days. She was my best friend in my early teen years. Love to all!

Pat Goetsch - June 26, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara E. Kay.



June 25, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara E. Kay.



June 23, 2021 at 11:45 AM