



# Barbara A. Kratochvil

JUN 27, 2024



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## **Barbara A. Kratochvil**

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**T**here is only so much one person can say about someone who impacted the lives of hundreds, perhaps thousands throughout her own. How does one find the words to describe the person who was the very definition of “charismatic,” the person who truly lived her life to the fullest and never took a day for granted. You would tell me “Oh, just get it done and over with. Keep it short and sweet,” in your cute, positive, up-beat voice.

Do I write it from my point of view? How you were the best bonus-mom I could have ever hoped for? How you were such a profound impact of positivity, grounding, and stability that Lord knows I desperately needed as a child, as an adolescent, and even as an adult? Do I write it from the point of view of your family, who loved you dearly? Your friends who adored you so? Do I provide anecdotes and quotes for them to look back on and laugh, giving them something more tangible to hold on to in your memory? Or do I simply state the facts? No, that is not nearly enough. Not for you and all you were. I will surely be writing something much more meaningful in the days to come. For now, I will keep it “short and sweet” just for you.

Barbara Ann Kratochvil was brought into the world on January 31st, 1964, by Joe and Elaine Kratochvil of Union, CT where she was raised by the side of her brothers John and Paul, and her sister Karen. Joe and Elaine raised their children to understand the importance of family, friends, and keeping your loved ones close, a principle Barbara chose to live by. While Elaine sadly predeceased Barbara by a few short years, she is survived by her father, brothers, and sister. Barbara leaves behind the love of her life, Jim Barcomb, her two stepchildren, Joseph Barcomb & Jennifer Ziemba, her Son-in-law Thomas Ziemba, and her four granddaughters, Kasandra & Adrianna Barcomb, and Hailey & Melanie Ziemba. She is also survived by her vast family of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and her many cousins of the Hopko family. She will be sorely missed by the world’s greatest friends who were nothing short of sisters to her, as well as her beloved Pretty Girls, her chickens that she loved as her own children.



## Obituary

**Barbara A. Kratochvil**

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Please join us for services to be held in Barbara's honor on Saturday, July 13th, 2024, beginning with a wake held from 12:30-2:30pm at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT, followed by a Funeral Procession that will travel to Union Center Cemetery, Cemetery Rd., Union, CT, to bring Barbara to her final place of rest. A Celebration of Life to commemorate Barbara and all that she was will be held at Sun Valley Resort Banquet Hall, 51 Old Springfield Rd., Stafford Springs, CT from 4:00-7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, any donations toward alleviating the toll of services can be made to Barbara's existing Breast Cancer GoFundMe account by clicking the following link:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/barbara-kratochvil?lang=en\\_US&utm\\_campaign=fp\\_sharesheet&utm\\_medium=customer&utm\\_source=copy\\_link](https://www.gofundme.com/f/barbara-kratochvil?lang=en_US&utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link)

To leave a message of sympathy for her family, or for directions, please visit:

[www.introvignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introvignefuneralhome.com)



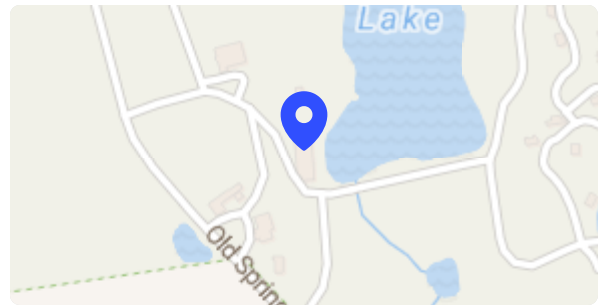
## Visitation

- Saturday**, July 13, 2024
- 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM ET
- Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc.**  
51 East Main St., Stafford Springs CT 06076



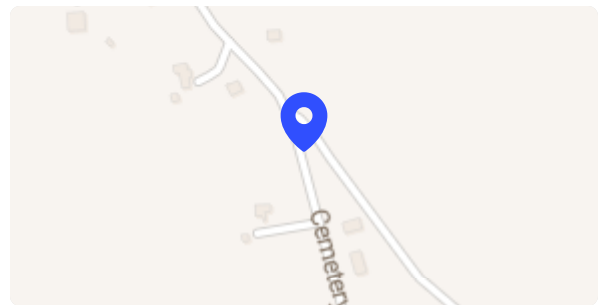
## Celebration of Life

- Saturday**, July 13, 2024
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Sun Valley Banquet Hall**  
51 Old Springfield Rd., Stafford Springs CT 06076



## Cemetery Details

- Union Center Cemetery**  
Cemetery Rd., Union CT 06076





# Tribute Wall

**Barbara A. Kratochvil**



**Dawn Lemire** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Love you Barb

July 13 at 11:28 AM



**Inge Barton** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

July 13 at 3:56 AM



**JB James Howard Barcomb** July 18 at 10:42 AM  
We Love You!

**MS Michael Sfreddo** July 13 at 8:32 AM  
I am so sorry for your loss. Also I can't make the services Saturday 😞 I had previous family plans.



**Janice Gaskell** shared 9 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dave and I are so sorry to hear this. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jim & Family. Barb was a sweet, kind and wonderful friend. I will miss her dearly. RIP Barbara ❤️ Janice and Dave Gaskell

July 5 at 12:18 PM

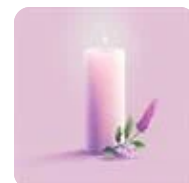


**JB James Howard Barcomb** July 18 at 10:43 AM  
WE Love You Two SOOO Much



**Joann & Dick West** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

July 10 at 2:53 AM



**JB James Howard Barcomb** July 18 at 10:44 AM  
Thank You ...Love YOU!



## Tribute Wall

**Barbara A. Kratochvil**

DE

**David Eaton** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

David & Heidi Eaton

July 8 at 5:25 PM



JB

**James Howard Barcomb** July 18 at 10:45 AM  
Love You All !!!

CR

**Carlo Riccobono** posted:

My condolences to the family. May Barbara rest in peace. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

July 8 at 4:51 AM

ML

**Michele Collette Lerch** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

Sending my condolences to Barb's family. Remembering many laughs and smiles that we shared.

July 7 at 4:50 PM



MM

**Mitchell Muzio** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

I am so sorry to hear this. I grew up with Barbara and were friends many years ago. My sincere condolences to her family.

July 7 at 4:47 PM



MG

**Mark Goodhall** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

July 7 at 5:25 AM



BM

**Bryan And Leigh Maxa** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara's family. You will be missed my friend. May you rest in peace.

July 7 at 5:03 AM





## Tribute Wall

**Barbara A. Kratochvil**

LB

**Linda Baker** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

July 7 at 1:38 AM



TB

**Todd Bentsen** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences to Jim and the Kratochvil family. Barbara was a wonderful and beautiful part of this world. She was so kind and no matter how long we had not seen each other she greeted us as close friends. Přijmi mou upřímnou soustrast za Barbara. Todd and Sheri Bentsen

July 6 at 12:11 PM

DR

**Deb Roberts** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

Such a truly kind, sweet, beautiful lady! The most determined, strong, persistent, brave fighter we have known. Already missing your weekly Friday chicken jokes and chatting with you. You are one of a kind! We love you and will miss you! RIP

July 6 at 10:26 AM



DF

**Donna Ference** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

July 6 at 8:39 AM



DF

**Donna Ference** July 6 at 8:40 AM

RIP Barbara you will be missed by so many. Condolences to your family.

RD

**Roger Dalpian** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

Roger and Beverly DalPian

July 6 at 4:48 AM





# Tribute Wall

**Barbara A. Kratochvil**



**Joe And Tammy Cross** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.  
Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Barbara will be missed dearly.



July 6 at 4:29 AM



**Thomas Lawrence Long** posted:

A pal, a salt-of-the-earth colleague, a tireless worker on behalf of the UConn faculty union. She was the high point at union meetings: when announcing the next meeting and asking for RSVPs, I'd reply, "Are you cooking? I'm only coming if you're catering the meeting." I miss her already. —Tom Long

July 5 at 4:51 PM



**Donald Bradway** posted:

Barb, You will truly be missed. You have been a good friend for many years and I will never forget all the good times and your. infectious smile and personally. RIP my friend Don Bradway

July 5 at 3:13 PM



**Peter Ference** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.



July 5 at 12:48 PM

**Peter Ference** July 5 at 12:49 PM  
R.I.P. Barbara



**Jill Moulton** sent a virtual gift in honor of Barbara.

I love you my friend.



July 5 at 12:18 PM



**Dawn Lemire** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

July 13 at 11:28 AM





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July 11 at 3:52 PM











## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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