



## Barbara Ann Kesek

December 5, 1946 - November 9, 2024

Barbara Ann Kesek, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 9th, 2024, at the age of 77. Residing in Richmond, Michigan, Barbara was born on a crisp winter day, Thursday, December 5th, 1946. Her life was a testament to strength, love, and resilience.

Barbara shared a beautiful journey of 56 years with her devoted husband, James, who was not only her partner but her safe haven throughout life's challenges. Their enduring bond was a testament to true companionship.

A devoted mother, Barbara leaves behind her children, Michael Kesek, Amanda Kesek, Sara (Gregory Jr.) Brys, and Kaitlyn (Derek) Brys. She cherished her role as a grandmother and took immense joy in her grandchildren, Bennett, Maxton, Gregory III, Parker, and Hayes. Her family was her pride and joy, and her love for them knew no bounds.

Barbara is also survived by her sister, Diane Muhsam. She was preceded in death by her parents August and Irene DeSmet, who instilled in her the values of kindness, resilience, and love. These values were evident in every aspect of her life.

A woman of diverse interests, Barbara had a deep love for her dog Bailey,

whose company she cherished. She was an avid traveler with a special fondness for Key West, loved shopping, and enjoyed the occasional trip to the casino. Her creative spirit shone through in her crafting and quilting projects, and her culinary skills delighted those around her.

Barbara found solace and joy in the great outdoors, particularly her trips 'up north', where she often found peace and inspiration. Her battle with lung cancer was fought with extraordinary courage; she was a true warrior who never complained but faced each day with grace and strength.

Her family and friends will forever remember her warm smile and generous spirit. She was happiest in the presence of her loved ones, especially when surrounded by her grandchildren. Their laughter and love were among her greatest joys.

Barbara will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who were fortunate to know her. Her legacy of love, resilience, and joy will continue to inspire those she leaves behind. May she rest in peace.

Visitation Thursday, November 14, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Instate Friday from 9:30 a.m. until a 10:30 a.m. funeral mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 10828 Brandon Rd., Emmett, 48022.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Rosary

NOV **14.** 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Instate in church

NOV **15.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic  
10828 Brandon Road  
Emmett, MI 48022-4504

## Funeral Mass

NOV 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Ann Kesek.

November 15, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss I know she will be dearly missed by her family. No more pain May she rest in peace I will be praying the rosary at 7pm God bless Katherine I (DeSmet)Redmond

Katherine I Redmond - November 14, 2024 at 05:25 PM

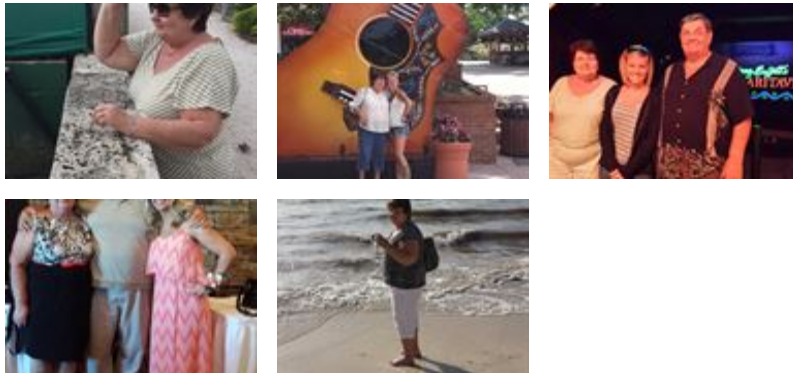


“ Katherine I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Kesek.

Katherine I. - November 14, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ 102 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - November 14, 2024 at 01:04 PM

KR

*I am so sorry for your loss I know she will be dearly missed no more pain may she rest in peace I will be saying the rosary at 7pm God bless Katherine I (DeSmet) Redmond*

Katherine I Redmond - November 14, 2024 at 05:11 PM

LP

“ *Lindsay and Brian Przyjacielski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Kesek.*

Lindsay and Brian Przyjacielski - November 13, 2024 at 09:20 PM

LP

“ *Lindsay and Brian Przyjacielski purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ann Kesek.*



Lindsay and Brian Przyjacielski - November 13, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Ann Kesek.*

November 13, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Kesek.*



November 13, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Ann Kesek.

November 13, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ Andy, Kelly & Logan DiMaggio planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Kesek.

**Andy, Kelly & Logan DiMaggio** - November 13, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ Andy, Kelly & Logan DiMaggio purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Ann Kesek.



**Andy, Kelly & Logan DiMaggio** - November 13, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ Erin (B) + Laura purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara Ann Kesek.



**Erin (B) + Laura** - November 13, 2024 at 10:08 AM

JW

“ Justin, Katherine & Liam Welch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Kesek.

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**Justin, Katherine & Liam Welch** - November 13, 2024 at 09:59 AM

JW

“ Justin, Katherine & Liam Welch purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Barbara Ann Kesek.



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**Justin, Katherine & Liam Welch** - November 13, 2024 at 09:59 AM

SB

“ My dear Kesek family...  
I am truly lost for words. Your mom and I had the greatest times together. I'm reminded of a scene in the movie "Bucket List", when Morgan Freeman tells Jack Nicholson how the coffee he loves so much is processed through the gut of some animal. They both break out in deep laughter and "laughed til they cried", then grabbed "the list" and crossed it off together. Your mom and I laughed so hard, too many times to count. I literally had to pull the car over a few times so we could wipe our eyes and catch our breath from laughing so hard. (Sara, you and Nicole were in the car one of those times.) God truly blessed me with her beautiful friendship and I am eternally grateful to God for giving me such a wonderful gift. Barb was a great woman, and I will always smile when I think of our time spent together. From now on, I'm confident she is looking over you...and hopefully me...from the most beautiful place I know... heaven. I lost a friend...but heaven gained a saint.  
Sending my love and prayers to all of you💔  
Susan Bone-Ayres🥹

Susan Bone-Ayres - November 11, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Kesek.



November 11, 2024 at 04:15 PM

TB

“ A wonderful, across the street, neighbor from Romeo.

Thad Balmas - November 11, 2024 at 03:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Kesek.*



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November 11, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Kesek.*



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November 11, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Ann Kesek.*

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November 11, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Kesek.*



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