



Barbara Ann Szatkowski

November 4, 1941 - September 27, 2021

Barbara Ann (Kaminski) Szatkowski, 79, passed away September 27, 2021 in Royal Oak, Michigan, surrounded by her family, after fighting a courageous 18-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Barbara was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 4, 1941. She grew up in Detroit's Poletown neighborhood and graduated from St. Elizabeth's in 1959. She began working at Max's Jewelry on Chene Street during high school and continued working at several of their stores until they closed in the 1980s. She then worked for Watkins Management until her retirement. Barbara loved bingo, going to the casino, and spending time with her family. She was an avid bowler, playing in leagues well into her 70s. She was a night owl and was known to stay up late playing rummy with her kids and grandkids. She was also a very competitive Scrabble player - her use of mysterious two-letter words started many arguments around the Scrabble board!

On September 19, 1964, she married Alphonse Szatkowski. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary prior to Al's death, October 28, 2019. Together they raised three daughters, Darlene (John) Salk of Añasco, PR, Donna (Gary) Szatkowski-Zych of New York, NY, and Tammy (Ryan) Reeves of Westlake, TX; five grandsons, Jake (Hillary) Salk, Joseph Salk, Lennon Zych, Ian and Briston Reeves; and one great-grandson Jace Salk. Barbara is also survived by siblings Louise Chance, Walter Cierpial, Judy Kley and John

Lasky; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. She will be dearly missed by all.

Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. with Rosary 7 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) Warren. Instate Monday 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary, Our lady Queen of Families - St. Clement Site, 25320 Van Dyke Ave., (corner of Engleman) Center Line.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
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Rosary

OCT 3. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate at Church

OCT 4. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Our Lady Queen of Families - St. Clement Site
25320 Van Dyke
Center Line, MI 48015

Funeral Mass

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Szatkowski.*



October 03, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ *We have known Barbara for over 3 years now. Eric and I did her landscaping. Barbara always made sure every week that we had something to drink. We would always talk after the job was done. Barbara will be missed. She was a very kind person. Rest in peace. Our condolence to the family. Lisa and Eric*

Lisa Grant - October 02, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ *While window shopping at Max Jewelry on Chene St. in Detroit, I seen some unique wedding rings, in the meantime, the store eventually closed and moved to the suburbs. I found out that Barbara worked there from her sister Theresa, who described the rings to Barbara, after some investigation she was able to procure them for me. Good memories. Barb was a good woman, I was glad I had the opportunity to tell her that the last time I seen her. RIP 🙏❤️*

Judy Dyer Rowlands - October 02, 2021 at 09:44 AM



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Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - October 01, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Szatkowski.



September 30, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ *Barbara was my cousin, but she was actually more like a big sister. Memories of all the times we shared will live on forever, and she'll always hold a special place in my heart. She'll be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Love to Darlene, Donna, Tammy and their families.*



Patty Armstrong - September 29, 2021 at 06:50 PM



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



September 29, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Szatkowski.*



September 29, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *i am very sad to write this because i just got to meet my half sister (same mom) thus June. My twin brother John and i were born in 1949 and we were adopted out at 10 months old. Just this year we were finally reunited with the remaining members of our birth family. Barb welcomed us so graciously like she always knew we were there but Where? it has been wonderful spending a little time with her these past months. i cherish those moments as gifts from God. we knew she was sick and are so very grateful that God allowed us to meet. With God there are no coincidences. Barb we will miss you. Rest peacefully with God❤️❤️*

Mrs Judy Kley - September 28, 2021 at 06:36 AM