



Barbara J. Guzinski

January 27, 1934 - April 28, 2021

Barbara J. Guzinski, 87, of Kearney, died April 28, 2021 at the Good Samaritan Society - St. John's in Kearney. Funeral services will be held 10:00 am, May 4, 2021 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Barone officiating. Burial will follow the service at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, May 3, 2021 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Lutheran Church or the Ravenna EMT's.

Born January 27, 1934 in Wayne, Nebraska to James B. Grier Jr. and Thelma S. McClary Grier. Barb moved to Wayne, NE from the family farm when she was in second grade. She attended high school at Wayne Prep graduating in 1951. She worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for 2 ½ years, and then the ASCS office.

She married Norman A. Schmidt on May 29, 1955. They moved to Grand Island, NE in September 1957 where their first son Steve was born in 1958. The couple moved to Ord, NE in 1959 opening a Tax Accounting Office. She taught Vacation Bible School for many years. While there, they made several close friendships and had two more children. Scott was born in 1960, Sherri in 1962. In 1968 the family moved to Ravenna, NE and Barb became a full-time mom. They were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where she taught catechism, served on the Ravenna School Board and the Ravenna Election

Board. In 1979 Norm and Barb moved to Kearney, NE. They were members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church where she was a member of the Ladies Aid. She served 6 years on the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation Board and as a Hospital Volunteer. Barb attended Kearney State College taking an essential Art Class to further her love of painting in 1981. Norm passed away in 1986. Barb married Elvin Guzinski in 1989 and returned to Ravenna. She spent seven years as Treasurer of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and again served on the Ravenna Election Board until 2014.

Her favorite hobbies were oil painting, playing bridge, creating craft items for family and friends, winter trips to Arizona and her monthly luncheons with Kearney friends. She treasured her partnership with Janet Pohlmann in the craft business they started and had for eight years. At the age of 86 Barb learned to use an I-Phone where she became an avid texter and FaceTime user with her family. At the time of her death Barb was an Ambassador at Kinship Pointe Northridge where she lived in Independent living.

Barb's life was centered on her three children, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Her faith in Christ Jesus helped her through many trials as well as the wealth of blessings she has had in her lifetime. Barb was a friend to many and loved by all. She will be truly missed.

Barb is survived by her children Steve Schmidt and wife Carol of Lincoln, NE, Scott Schmidt and wife Colleen of Omaha, NE and Sherri Esterling and husband Randy of Omaha, NE, 8 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grandchildren. Stepchildren David Guzinski of Cairo, NE, Sue Zeller of Ravenna, NE, Timothy Guzinski of Florida, 5 Step Grandchildren and 8 Great Step Grandchildren. Many nieces and nephews in Nebraska, Texas and Massachusetts.

Barb was preceded in death by her husband Norm, two sisters, one brother,

and husband Elvin.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran
3315 11th Avenue
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara J. Guzinski*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Steve, Scott and Sheri,
So sorry to hear of Barb's passing. It was so nice to see her at
Dad's memorial service. She was always such a gracious and kind
person. I know Mom and Dad cherished their friendship throughout
the years. Lots of good memories.*

Cindy and Robin LaCroix

Cindy LaCroix - May 05, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the
family of Barbara J. Guzinski.*



May 03, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Hank & Beth Adams purchased the Country Basket
et Blooms for the family of Barbara J. Guzinski.*



Hank & Beth Adams - May 03, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Guzinski.*



May 02, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Guzinski.*



May 02, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ *Eric & Maura Grier purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Barbara J. Guzinski.*



Eric & Maura Grier - May 01, 2021 at 06:50 PM



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



May 01, 2021 at 03:01 PM

MH

“ Barbara was one of the first to welcome us when we moved into Northridge She was truly a loving and gracious lady. We have truly missed her since we moved. She will be missed by many. We were fortunate to know her.

Margaret High - April 30, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ A wonderful friend, wife, mother and grandmother. My first girl friend - 4th grade. Norm, Barb, Mary and I spent many special times together - California, Hawaii, Europe, Okoboji and the best - Ravenna and Kearney. Wonderful successful and caring family. Miss her already - but know she is in the best place of all. Sam

Wayne Samuelson - April 30, 2021 at 07:50 PM

CD

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Barb. Her warm acceptance and welcoming smile will be remembered fondly. She was certainly proud of her children and grandchildren, and enjoyed sharing stories of their accomplishments. I'm sure you will miss her terribly, Sherri. You were blessed with a very close mother-daughter relationship.

Alan & I are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Teen

Carol Dostal - April 30, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Guzinski.*



April 30, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Guzinski.*



April 30, 2021 at 11:21 AM