



# Barbara Ann Bateman

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## **Barbara Ann Bateman**

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**B**arbara Ann Bateman was born on April 13, 1938, in Pittsburg, Kansas, and passed away, surrounded by family and prayers, on April 8, 2023. She was the daughter of Pete and Zina Monsour, the fifth of their eight children. Barbara's deep faith was an integral part of her life and was apparent to all who knew and loved her.

Barbara graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1956. She was proud to have been selected as a varsity cheerleader all four years. She graduated from Pittsburg State University in 1960 and went on to earn her Master's degree in 1965. While a senior she was named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." She met her future husband, Kenneth K. Bateman, while they were both working at JCPenney. On December 26, 1961, Barbara married Ken at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Barbara began her professional career as an English teacher at Parsons High School in 1960-62. She later taught at Pittsburg Middle School (formerly Roosevelt Junior High) in 1963-64 and Pittsburg High School in 1965-66. Barbara founded the debate program at St. Mary's-Colgan High School. She was admired, respected, and loved by many of her students. She enjoyed being a member of the Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society, the Mount Carmel Pink Ladies, and PEO Chapter CJ. Barbara also worked at the family business, Monsour's, and ended her career at Pitsco.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Ken, her daughters, Kebra Rios (Louis) of Kansas City, MO, and Tess Patterson (Brock) of Broken Arrow, OK, and three grandchildren, Louis Andrew Rios, Stella Grace Patterson, and Ruby Alice Rios. Barbara was extremely proud of all her children and her grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Joyce Sanko and Victoria Monsour, by her brother, Ted Monsour, and her sister-in-law Erma Beeson of McKinney, TX. Barbara is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, R. Shaun, her parents, and her siblings, Hazel Peak, Joe, Richard, and Pete Monsour Jr.

The parish rosary will be recited at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 21, 2023, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, followed by visitation. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on



## Obituary

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Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with Father Jerome Spexarth as celebrant. A private family interment will occur at a later date. Following Mass, the Bateman family invites you to lunch at the St. Mary's-Colgan Fieldhouse. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Lourdes or to the Barbara Bateman Scholarship at Pittsburg State University. Condolences may be left at [www.bathnaylor.com](http://www.bathnaylor.com). Services will be live streamed on Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church YouTube channel or [bathnaylor.com](http://bathnaylor.com). Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, Pittsburg, KS.



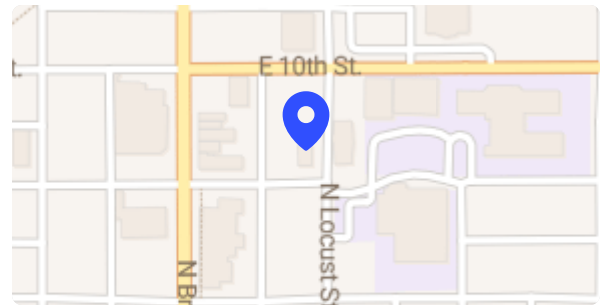
# Events

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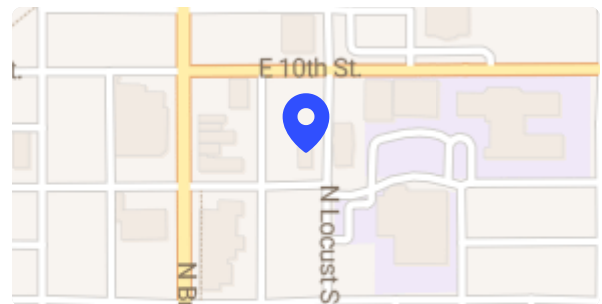
## Rosary

- Friday**, April 21, 2023
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM cst
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**  
109 E 9th St, Pittsburg KS 66762-4043



## Mass of Christian Burial

- Saturday**, April 22, 2023
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM cst
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April 21 at 5:09 AM



**Jason Peace** posted:

During my college years, I had the privilege to work near Barbara, which provided many opportunities to visit and share stories. No matter how rough of a day you or your team maybe having, her voice, smile, and comments always left you feeling better. I never saw her after I left and moved onto better things, but through the years I often thought about her. She left a positive memory in my life. Thank you, Barbara, for the great times you shared with me.

July 25 at 9:40 PM



TS

**Tina Sisk** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

Beautiful soul and beautiful family - i think of you all and keep u in my prayers always - ❤️

June 5 at 7:23 PM



LS

**Lila Swaney** posted:

We just heard of Barbara's death. We're so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Barbara was a beautiful person. I always admired her spirit and faith. David and Lila Joseph Swaney

April 29 at 2:23 PM



RC

**Robert Cuthbertson** posted:

To Bateman Family. Barbara was a caring person. She really cared about the elderly. I very much appreciated knowing her and Ken. They showed forth God's grace in her lives. Pastor Bob and Judith Cuthbertson

April 21 at 10:58 AM



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**Carol (Kastler)Falletti** posted:

Barbara and her family were wonderful to me during our teen years at St. Mary's and beyond. She was in our wedding party when Donald and I married 64 years ago. She lived her faith and was a guiding light and true friend as I was adjusting to being a confused teen in A new school. Blessings to Ken and the Family. A special hug for Stella who I met at her graduation with Carson from Bishop Kelly. Carol Kastler Falletti

April 19 at 5:03 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bateman family.



April 18 at 4:54 PM



**Ron Petersen, Sr** posted:

We were saddened to hear of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Ron and Louise Petersen

April 17 at 5:53 AM



**Susie Portz** posted:

What a beautiful photo you selected of Aunt Barbara...this is exactly how I will always remember her. Growing up I always felt like she and I were so alike in many ways and I always turned to her when I needed a clever idea, a fun craft, or a number of other things. I was truly in awe of her constant, unwavering faith—even as she faced so many trials throughout her life. I would say that my grandparents must have laid an amazing foundation because so many of their children have/had faith that was something to be admired. I am so very thankful to have had her in my life and I will miss her so, so much. It's finally time for you to be in heaven with Shaun and so many of your loved ones, Aunt Barb. I love you. Susie

April 15 at 9:00 PM



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SK

**Sue Brown Lenski Kruse** posted:

Barbara and I became fast friends in Latin II class at St. Mary's Colgan many years ago. Our friendship blossomed and we talked nearly every day since until her terrible illness took hold of her. We lived through all of our pregnancies together, wore each others maternity clothes and celebrated the birth of our children. We had fond memories of the watermelon garden her dad ran each summer. Many hours we spent selling watermelon slices and visiting with each other about everything. When I learned how to make Harvey Wallbangers. Barbara called them Herbie Wallbumpers. I can't remember if that was before or after she took a sip. I will always miss her. She was an amazing woman, friend, wife and mother. There isn't a day goes by that she isn't in my thoughts. God be with you, my sweet, dear friend. Sue Brown Lenski Kruse

April 15 at 11:16 AM

TT

**Teresa Thomas** sent a virtual gift in honor of Barbara.

I had the opportunity to meet this lovely lady a few times and she was very kind and warm. I remember when Kebra gave me her phone number when my son Anthony went to Pitt state and he was away from home for the first time. Just knowing that they were down there just in case was a comfort for me. Rest in eternal peace. Prayers and hugs to the family.



April 15 at 6:58 AM

DL

**Damon Lenski** posted:

Barbara was always a dear friend to my Mother and our family. Her loving smile and warm hugs are indelibly fused to my memories and soul. While we moved far away from Pittsburgh long ago and have not been a regular presence in her family's daily life, we always knew that Barbara had us in her thoughts and prayers. I am so grateful to have known her and been a beneficiary of her love and friendship. She will never be forgotten.

April 15 at 6:23 AM

HD

**Helen Daley** posted:

We truly enjoyed seeing the Monsour sisters come into the Public Library. They got to know the staff and we, them. Such interesting ladies. May Her Memory Be Eternal

April 15 at 12:40 AM



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FP

**Farell Ping** posted:

Our heartfelt sympathy to Barbara's family. I have so many wonderful memories of Barbara and all of our times together. She was definitely a woman of faith and it showed through with everything she did. She was kind and loving and was always the first one there when a friend needed her. She was a dear friend to me and I feel so honored to have been her friend. I always loved receiving her correspondence. She always signed it "God Bless You". The world was definitely a better place with Barbara in it. Much love, Farell Ping

April 14 at 8:59 AM

MT

**Montie K. Taylor** posted:

Ken and Family.....we were deeply saddened to hear of Barbara's passing. She was such a kind, compassionate, and intelligent person. We have many fond memories of Barbara at many Pittsburg State University events.Montie & Candy TaylorParsons, Kansas

April 14 at 4:14 AM

GZ

**George Zugmier** posted:

Nancy and I have wonderful memories of Barbara. For many years we came back to Pittstate for football games and board meetings. Barbara and Ken always open their home up to us. Her hospitality and many discussions with Barbara will never be forgotten. Barbara put me on to Apple stock way before anyone else. She was a shrewd investor. Of course, how could we forget the many wonderful meals and not a night went by that we didn't play cards. Thank you, Barbara, and Ken, as well for your hospitality and a wonderful friendship over several decades.George & Nancy ZugmierScottsdale, Arizona.

April 13 at 1:25 PM



**Media**

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