



Barbara E. Rath

June 9, 1948 - June 3, 2024

Barbara E. Rath, age 75, of Peoria, Illinois passed away at her home on Monday, June 3, 2024.

Barbara was born on June 9, 1948, in Peoria, to Thomas and Eleanor (Hardy) Vogel. She married Stephen Rath on April 20, 1968. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Cynthia (Theron) Melrose, Angela Rath, Deborah Meister, and Michael Rath; and her grandchildren, Brock Melrose, Avery Melrose, and Ryan Meister.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Roger Vogel.

Barbara attended Flamingo Beauty College and went on to be a Beautician for several years before starting her family. She later went on to work in the Medical Records department for OSF St. Francis for 28 years until her retirement in 2015.

Barbara loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren. They were her everything.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services. A private family gathering will be held.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital of Peoria.

Words of comfort can be shared with the Rath family at www.SchmidtHaller.com

Tribute Wall

CE

“ I worked with Barb in Medical Records for 15 years. She welcomed me so kindly when I started. Your Mom loved all of you and was so proud of her family.
Barb loved to have fun, was a hard worker and gave the best advice. I know she's in Heaven!

Cindy Erangey - June 10, 2024 at 10:44 PM

JR

“ Steve, I am so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. It was many years ago that I visited your home and saw Barb for the last time. Although we haven't kept in touch over the years, please know that I will never forget our past friendship and the great times we shared together in Peoria (go R&R Serpents!). I have many fond memories of those years when we worked together at the drive-in and will always remember Paula Geltmaker and Barb as being great friends as well. If in the future you wish to contact me I can be reached at ja ger69@q.com. My sincerest condolences to you and your family.

Jack Rager - June 10, 2024 at 06:47 PM

DH

“ Barb was a very dear friend to me and she took wonderful care of my children while I worked. Her busy home was always filled with kids and dogs, and all of her friends loved to visit her. Dawn Hamman

Dawn Hamman - June 07, 2024 at 12:52 PM

EB

“ I sat across from Barb for 10 years. I am so sorry for your loss. I want you to know how proud she was of her kids.

Ellen Benson - June 07, 2024 at 05:55 AM

KL

“ *I worked with Barb in Medical Records. She was so much fun to be around. She had a wonderful sense of humor. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kelly Larkin - June 07, 2024 at 05:25 AM