



## Barbara Lynn Garvey

August 2, 1959 - July 31, 2020

Barbara Lynn Garvey, age 60, of DeMotte, lost her battle with cancer, on Friday, July 31, 2020, at home, surrounded by loved ones. She was born August 2, 1959, in Hammond, Indiana, the daughter of John and Lorraine (Kauchak) Hilbrich.

Barbara attended Griffith Senior High School, Class of 1977. She married the love of her life, Jim Garvey, on April 22, 1978 in Griffith, Indiana. Barbara was a homemaker, raising their 2 children. She was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, enjoyed flowering, playing with her grandchildren, Bunko, spending time with family and friends, watching deer, hummingbirds, & nature, and loved campfires.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Jim Garvey of DeMotte, IN; daughter, Jill (Jared) Smit of Lafayette, IN; son, Jeff Garvey of San Diego, CA; 2 grandchildren: Cora and Graham; siblings: Kathy Hilbrich of Chesterton, IN and Bill Hilbrich of Griffith, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Michael Hilbrich.

Barbara's wishes were to be cremated and buried in DeMotte Cemetery. Due to the current health concerns a Celebration of Life and burial will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in Barbara's honor to

American Heart Association or Purdue Center for Cancer Research.

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ Jim, we just learned of Barbs passing our hearts are heavy tonight. So very sad for this tremendous loss you are suffering. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill and Kris McCollum

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**William McCollum** - October 17, 2020 at 07:06 PM

LW

“ I just learned of Barb's passing today, so heartbroken, she was one of the most genuine and nicest people! I loved all her beautiful posts and pictures of her grandchildren she loved so much! She was always nice to me and I loved her sweet smile. Rest in the arms of Jesus Sweet Barb... God be with you Jim and family ... I am so sorry....  
Linda Kolpin Weiss

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**Linda Kolpin Weiss** - August 18, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Jim, Jill and Jeff, our prayers and deepest sympathy are with you. I'm going to miss my cuz so very much, I always looked up to Barb, I thought she was the coolest older cousin! She had the best laugh of anyone I've ever known 😂 Thought she was a great mom and grandma. To the Hilbrich's and the Garvey's we will pray for your strength and hope that fond memories of Barb comfort you. She left us way too soon. Rest in peace my wonderful cousin.

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**Holly Perez** - August 10, 2020 at 02:57 PM

SW

“ We are so sorry to hear of sweet Barb’s passing. She fought a brave battle and it is apparent how much she was loved. We wish you sweet happy memories. Susie and John Wilson.

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**susie and john wilson** - August 05, 2020 at 09:22 PM

EG

“ Sending prayers and thoughts from afar.

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**Elizabeth Geay-Müller** - August 04, 2020 at 07:30 AM

SS

“ Jim, I’m very sorry to hear of Barb’s passing. You and your family are in my thoughts

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**Sarah Sawyer-Pullum** - August 03, 2020 at 07:33 PM

SS

“ So sad to hear about Barb’s passing. She was such a sweet person with the most beautiful smile. Thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and the family she will be so missed

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**Sandy Sanchez** - August 01, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Lynn Garvey.



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August 01, 2020 at 12:33 PM

CG

“ *First time I met Barb, she hugged me and made me feel so welcome in her and uncle Jim's home. Always smiling and laughing. So grateful we got to be a part of this family.*

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**Carolyn Gentry** - August 01, 2020 at 09:49 AM

KB

“ *Kim Baker lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lynn Garvey*



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**Kim Baker** - August 01, 2020 at 07:50 AM

KB

*Barbie. Thank you for a lifetime of fun memories... so much love and laughter. You will be missed tremendously. We celebrate the fact that you are now pain free...no more pain....mo more hospitals...Fly free my friend...*

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**Kim Baker** - August 01, 2020 at 08:00 AM

DK

“ *So sorry for your loss Jimmy our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Dan Konopacki** - July 31, 2020 at 11:55 PM

CG

“ *My heart is broken for you and the family Jim....Barb was such a bright light! I will always her beautiful smile...God love all of you. 💜*

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**Cherri Govert** - July 31, 2020 at 10:51 PM

GH

“ So sorry to hear of this. My thoughts are with Jim and the entire family.

Guy Hochstetler - July 31, 2020 at 09:42 PM

CP

“ Dearest Family, I send my Deepest Sympathy to all. May God provide each of you with strength at this difficult time. Claudia Moon Powell

Claudia Moon Powell - July 31, 2020 at 09:25 PM

DB

“ Such sad news. My deepest sympathies to Jim and her family. Barb was always a friend to all who brought smiles to everyone she met. I'll miss keeping up through our FB friendship. Rest In Peace friend.

Dawn Malick Borella - July 31, 2020 at 08:44 PM

KR

“ Sending prayers for Hilbrich and Garvey families.  
May love, comfort and blessings for peace surround you and hold you close...  
Tina Glover class of '77



kristina - July 31, 2020 at 07:54 PM

JR

“ I met Barb at St. Mary’s and enjoyed the friendship in High School, connecting back with FB for which I am grateful  
Such a genuine and kind soul  
I know many will miss her presence  
My sincere condolences to all family and friends  
Jeanne Rowe class of ‘77

jeanne rowe - July 31, 2020 at 07:24 PM

JB

“ Such a sad, sad, day. Some people are born to light up the world around them - and Barb was one of those kind of people. We saw each other around after high school quite a bit and she always had so much happiness for everyone. Also, she was the prettiest cashier Emsing’s 1976 ever had. (Hang in there Jimmy)

jim Brown - July 31, 2020 at 03:35 PM

PG

Our deepest condolences to the entire Garvey family. You are in our thoughts and prayers... Rest In Peace, Barb 🙏🥹  
Patti & Dan Govert

Pstti Govert - July 31, 2020 at 04:50 PM

SC

My deepest sympathies to this family. Go rest high Barbie

Susan Chermak - July 31, 2020 at 05:14 PM

CB

Such wonderful memories of sweet Barb. My sympathies to her family.

Charlene Becze - July 31, 2020 at 05:22 PM

KM

Sympathies to the Garvey family. Kathy Mulligan Martin

Kat Martin - July 31, 2020 at 05:34 PM

KR

*So sorry to hear. Prayers for her and the whole family. May she rest in peace!!!*

**Kristy** - July 31, 2020 at 05:58 PM

NW

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. ❤️🙏 Nancy and Buc Weaver*

**Nancy and Buc Weaver** - July 31, 2020 at 06:13 PM

DL

*Jimmy so sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you, your children and grandchildren also the Hilbrich family, Dave and Rochelle Lewandowski*

**david lewandowski** - July 31, 2020 at 06:27 PM

SC

*My heart aches for the Garvey and Hilbrich families. Barb was a true friend. Many many memories of growing up!*

**sandie chen** - July 31, 2020 at 06:52 PM

SH

*My heart and prayers go out to the Garvey and Hilbrich family's. I will always remember Barb's smile and effervescent laugh.*

**sharonmilewski@yahoo.com** - July 31, 2020 at 07:22 PM

CR

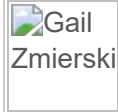
*Condolences to the family. Rest in peace Barb, in the heavens above. Prayers for the family and friends.*

**Carol Pustek Rushton** - July 31, 2020 at 07:53 PM

 Gail Zmierski

*Prayers for her family and friends.*

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DP

*My deepest condolences to you Jim, Jill & Jeff , Kathy & Bill. Barbie was one special lady. She had a contagious laugh & smile! She will be forever in our thoughts. May Barbs memories be forever with you. ❤️❤️*

**Dawn Parent** - August 01, 2020 at 12:39 AM

BC

*I am shocked and saddened by her passing. Prayers for the whole family.*

**Barbara Cales** - August 01, 2020 at 01:25 AM

BE

*My condolences to the family. Barb was a sweet beautiful person. Rest easy Barb you will be missed ❤️*

**Becky** - August 01, 2020 at 08:41 AM

SE

*Jimmy I am so sorry to hear about Barb. I pray for comfort and strength for you and your family. Rest In Peace Barb*

**Steve Eaton** - August 01, 2020 at 01:18 PM

DL

*What a pleasure it has been to know you and have you part of our family. You will be truly missed. My condolences to your family and those grand children that deserved more time with you..*

**DORY LOVELY** - August 01, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JN

*As a GHS Alumni to her family so sorry for your loss. ❤️*

**John M. Nelson** - August 03, 2020 at 12:17 AM

MM

*Growing up on Rensselaer St., my family and I knew and loved the Hilbrich family. Kathy was a year older than me, and we palled around a lot during our elementary years. I loved her Mom Lorraine and playing dress up with Kathy using her wonderful old prom dresses. I remember dear little Barbie as a sweet and smiling younger sister to Kathy. And of course, there were also Michael and Billy in the mix. I was very fortunate to have the Hilbrich family on our street and as my young friends. My condolences to the Hilbrich and Garvey families over this terrible loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Melanie Holmes Marshall  
Class of 1973*

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**Melanie Marshall** - August 05, 2020 at 02:39 PM