



Barbara A. Sufka-Litke

April 26, 2009

Barb was born to Larry and Rose (Wojtanowicz) Sufka on June 5, 1955. She was born at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN and later moved to Iowa. She attended Iowa State University and after graduation started her career of teaching at Christ the King in Iowa. Barb later moved to Little Falls, MN in 1986 and began teaching at Holy Trinity (St. Joseph's) in Pierz for 12 years. She then taught at Pioneer Elementary for the past 11 years. Barb was united in marriage on June 5, 2002 to Kurt Litke where they reside on the Platte River in Morrison County. Barb has touched many people's lives through her love of teaching, creativeness in crafts, and overwhelming talent of quilting. She will be deeply missed by her husband, Kurt; father, Larry Sufka; siblings, Larry Sufka Jr., Sue (Bruce) Eveland, Pam (Mike) Boyd, Ken Sufka, Jim (Karen) Sufka and David Sufka. In-laws, Renee (Larry) Litke, Lora (Roger) Henze, Cory (Rhonda) Litke; 8 nieces & 4 nephews, many relatives and friends. Barbara was preceded in death by her mother & grandparents. Barb's wishes were to be cremated with a private family gathering at a later date. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers to a scholarship in Ms. Sufka's name which can be made through Pierz Farmer & Merchants State Bank in Pierz.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara A. Sufka-Litke*



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“ *Barbara A. Sufka-Litke*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Dont let everything get to you to much or it will make you more mad than sad###imported-begin###Kyle Fuhrman###imported-end##*

May 14, 2009 at 09:45 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to you Kurt, and your family, what a great loss. Barb, I still can't believe that you are really gone. You touched so many lives with your beautiful smile and your love of life. You lived the talents God gave you over and above, you gave so much and never complained. What a wonderful amazing teacher you were when you touched our lives 23 years ago at Holy Trinity (St. Josephs at the time). You taught 4 of our children: Cindy, Mark, Danny and Katie. I know it was because of you that 2 of them went into the teaching field. You had so much passion for your job. Thank you again for making the quilts for my children's weddings. They will always be treasured. Barb you will be missed by all the people your life has touched, but you are in a much better place now. Kurt, know that we are thinking and praying for you & your family at this difficult time. Love you, Jan, Clint & fam###imported-begin##Jan & Clint Kimman & family###imported-end##

May 04, 2009 at 11:25 AM



“ We are all with you in heart and spirit. Whenever you need us, we will be there. Honest to God.###imported-begin##Georgia###imported-end##

May 04, 2009 at 10:12 AM



“ I never met Barb but have heard about her through our friends, Cory and Rhonda. Just from reading the stories about her and viewing the slide show, she seemed like such a great person. Very genuine. Barb has touched a lot of lives. I'm sorry for your loss and hope you'll find healing from your friends and family.###imported-begin##Cheryl Suter###imported-end##

May 04, 2009 at 10:08 AM



“ I'm going to miss you so much, Auntie Barb. Thank you for all you've done for me and your sister's family...we all are in your gratitude. Thank you for the beautiful rosary from Italy, by the way...since I never got a chance to say 'thanks' in a giant letter my mom would make me send. :) I got your note that you hid on my wall! I love the quote. :)

Uncle Kurt, I am reaaaly really super sorry for your loss, and I hope you're doing okay. You're in my prayers. Sammy is sad for you, too.

~The FAVORITE Niece, Emily~###imported-begin###Emily Boyd###imported-end###

May 03, 2009 at 12:22 PM



“ Dear Kurt,
No words can really express my deepest sympathy. As I lie in my bed this morning a tear rolled down the side of my cheek, I cried sadness for you, for all of us, yet it seemed like my heart would flutter with warmth from thoughts of Barb. She truly was an amazing person! Thoughts of her make me want to become a better person. I may have met Barb in 1993, she taught my 2 oldest boys, but I had heard OF her long before. Stories from people of all walks of life. It seems like it didn't matter who they were, she had touched thier lives in a very special way. It may have been through her teaching, her friendships, her faith, or someother way we had known her. Have you heard the saying " You live as long as you are remembered"? Barb may have died young, but she will live longer than most. We love you Kurt, take care of yourself, and find the strength you need through your friends, family, and faith.###imported-begin###Mari Jo Poster###imported-end###

May 02, 2009 at 10:15 AM



“ Barb-I hope you truly know how much you are loved! Thank you for loving my Gabe so much- you were the reason he loved school! Kurt-know you are loved too! We will hold you in our prayers! God Bless, Joan and family###imported-begin##Joan Novak andFamily###imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 04:51 PM



“ Our family feels blessed to have had Ms. Sufka as our kindergarten teacher three times. When I first met her I was absolutely blown away by her enthusiasm and spirit. Opening the children's backpacks at the end of the day was like opening a treasure chest. She freely shared her time and talents with us all. Alex(16), Ashlyn(8), and Arika(5) each have cherished memories and handcrafted treasures from time spent in her classroom. They will forever have her in their hearts. They loved and respected her greatly. She always encouraged them to do their best and have some fun along the way. She made them each feel "specially" loved. While getting ready for school this morning, dressing in her pink and white to honor Ms. Sufka, Arika said, "Mom - I am so sad Ms. Sufka is not coming back to be my teacher." I can feel the tears welling up in my eyes and spilling over onto my cheeks. "Yes," I reply. "We are all sad." "Mom," she says, "Ms. Sufka loved me special." "Yes honey, she did." Our thoughts and prayers to you all, sharing in your sorrow. The Libby's###imported-begin##Adam,Andie, Alex, Ashlyn, and Arika Libby###imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 02:00 PM



“ Kurt,
My heart goes out to you and your family. Barb was an amazing woman and she touched many lives through her teaching and many gifts and talents she had. She made me a quilt when Taryn was born and I have used it through all three girls and Taryn and Mataya fight over it to see who gets to sleep with it at night. Now baby Khloe uses it. She will be missed greatly! You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Take care, Karla, Tony, Taryn, Mataya and Khloe.##imported-begin##Karla Scheel##imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 12:57 PM



“ Kurt, God blessed you with time with Barb, cherish the memories and know that you will meet again in heaven. Love and Blessings##imported-begin##Phyllis Henze##imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 12:51 PM



“ Kurt - I just heard about this today...I am so sad. Barb was a blessing to me and all who knew her. It's a sad loss to me and the world. Hang in there, K? I know how you love nature, and God heals through nature so...The calves are jumping and there are baby eagles in the nest at my farm...feel free to stop by anytime for a cup of coffee and a walk in the tall pines. ginny##imported-begin##Ginny Duschner##imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 10:54 AM



“ Dear Family and Friends of Barb,

Another angel in heaven. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of the very lucky people who's lives Barb has touched. We are so sorry to have never meet her, but through all the wonderful stories we heard about Barb, we have felt her spirit.

God Bless.

Randy, Tracy, Alex, Liz and Katie Henze##imported-begin##Randy and Tracy Henze##imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 09:08 AM



“ *Our hearts are broken. Kurt, you and Barb touched so many lives with your teaching, but mostly, your love for one another. This will be a difficult journey for you but know that we are here to support you in anyway we can. You are blessed with a caring family and many friends that need you to reach out to them when you are ready. Barb was a beautiful lady, both inside and out and we will miss her. Our prayers are with you.*

Know that you are loved by all.##imported-begin##Aunt Marie##imported-end##

April 30, 2009 at 09:11 PM



“ Dear Curt and the Litke family,
I never got to know her. I know that if she could she would let you know that it will all be ok. From what I was told from Roger this last weekend she was a very special friend to Lora. It is obvious that she was a true blessing.
My prayers are with you and your family.
Love Karen Henze and family##imported-begin##Karen Henze##imported-end##

April 30, 2009 at 06:22 PM



“ Barb,
You will always be in my heart.

Shana##imported-begin##Shana Stuckey##imported-end##

April 30, 2009 at 05:30 PM



“ Our family wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Sufka. Tori was our first child to be lucky enough to have her as a kindergarten teacher, just this year. The joy that we could see in Tori's eyes when she came home every day from school because she had the opportunity to learn from such a compassionate person will be remembered forever. She gave so much to the children that they will be able to take with them through their lives, and I know they will hold and cherish her memories close to their hearts for a very long time. She will be very much missed by all.##imported-begin##Tom, Amy, Tyler, Riley, Olivia & Victoria Wagner##imported-end##

April 30, 2009 at 04:01 PM



“ I had Ms. Sufka for my teacher last year--she was my favorite teacher! I was so sad when she was sick and I will miss her so much. I came home from school and gathered all the things that she had made for my class last year, and I am so glad that I have many things to remember her by. I'm glad she is not sick anymore.....##imported-begin##Saigley Beehler##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 11:00 PM



“ Kurt, your Barb was one in a million. We are so grateful you brought her into our lives. Our only regret is that we didn't have her longer. After reading all these wonderful tributes to Barb, we know that God had her busy. It certainly seems that many saw HIS face and love through her talented hands, her sharp wit and humor, her gift for teaching, and her beautiful smile. She touched many hearts. I doubt that you remember this, Kurt, but when you were building your house, (not sure what we were working on, probably staining or moving all that pine) you said to me, "...wait till you meet her...". You sure were right! We will forever love her.

I know you keep telling people thank you for their help and support. However, Kurt, we want to thank you for sharing Barb and allowing us to be there for her and you both. You have given us a great gift. We love you!

PS to Barb: We will never sing, "I'll Fly Away" without thinking of you.##imported-begin##Cory and Rhonda Litke##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 09:41 PM



“ Dear Kurt and family just wanted to let you know that you are in our prayers and thought!##imported-begin##Tessa, Reese, Kaylee and Tyler Jarvis##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 08:47 PM



“ Well I totally lost my mind while I was writing my entry. And I would just like to let all of you know who was thinking who the heck is that? Barb is my aunt. Or how she loves to say, my Auntie Barb. A few weeks ago my Aunt Barb and Gramma came down to Iowa for a few days...and before they arrived my mom said that this might be the last time I would see Barb. I really thought that that wouldn't happen because Barb is such a strong woman....now I realize that my mom was right. It was the last time I would see her. Barb has taught me many things but just one of the many she has is that don't take things for granted. You never know you might not ever see it again. I will always love you, Auntie Barb! ~Kenna##imported-begin##McKenna Henze##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 08:19 PM



“ Ms.Sufka you were the best kindergarten teacher ever. I used to remember when Mckayla would come home all the time and be so happy. You made all the students so happy with our personality. Mckayla cryed for almost the whole day. You will be missed by so so many people. You are in our prayers for ever and ever. And so are you Mr.Litke.##imported-begin##Bill, Cheryl, Heidi, Mckayla Stamm##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 07:00 PM



“ Kurt and Family

Our sympathy is with you and your family always. May God bless you and hold you tight now and forever. Tianna always said she was the most creative spiritual lady she knew.

God Bless

The Tetricks###imported-begin##Tate. Kathi, Tanner and Tianna Tetrick###imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 06:01 PM



“ Barb, I will never forget you. I know that you are probably looking down and thinking, "Don't make such a scene, man." I'm sure that I have never told you this ever and I wished that I had but you are my most favorite person in the whole world! I will never ever meet anyone else like you in my whole life! I don't know what I will do now this summer without you teaching me new and unique sewing projects and who I will be able to sing my heart out with while watching Josph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat! I'll just have to clean the house now with Kurtie's orders. Just kidding. Everytime I see a picture of you, all of our memories just flood back into my head and I will miss you so much, Barb! Josph is still our movie and our songs! I love you so much Barb, and I will never forget you! You're my favorite person in the whole world! Kurtie, I love you too and I feel your pain...we all do! I can't wait to see you, this is so hard but I know we can get through this with our loving family. Barb, I'm so glad your apart of my life because you have made me such a better person. You always saw the good in everybody and anything. Even when something got bad, you always saw the positive side in it and I will never forget that. I love you so much! ~Kenna###imported-begin##McKenna Henze###imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 05:28 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, Kurt. We all benefited and learned to love each other by watching Barb's unconditional love that she shared with each of us. Barb always had time for me when I stopped by to chat. She willingly shared her quilting talents with all of us at Pioneer by hosting after school workshops with us. Her strength and courage throughout her illness were inspirational. Barb is in heaven making quilts for all the angels. God bless you, Barb. We will miss you but will forever carry you in our hearts.##imported-begin##Mary Schraut##imported-end##*

April 29, 2009 at 05:19 PM



“ *Dear Kurt and family, When we face hard times remember that God is there to give you the courage to face each day. Barb was a great teacher to work with. I will treasure the quilt she made when I retired. Karen Boser##imported-begin##Don & Karen Boser##imported-end##*

April 29, 2009 at 03:01 PM



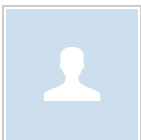
“ Barb & Kurt joined us one year for Christmas dinner & wouldn't you know it was the one & only time we decided to put an extra table in the foyer instead of the living room. Barb & Kurt graciously sat in the foyer with other family members & we would HOLLER back & forth as they were so far away from the "main" table! Whenever I tried to apologize to Barb for this she would say "hey the food tasted the same" and this is the kind of person Barb was and we will miss her so much. The Christmas angel she made me has now been named Barbara & I smile every time I look at it remembering my friend. Kurt we love you.
Bea & Collin and Family###imported-begin##BEA GAU###imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 12:10 PM



“ Barb was my first grade teacher at Holy Trinity. I remember her as a very dedicated teacher who treated all of her students with love and respect. As one of her students, you never doubted she loved her job. I know I still have some of the personalized items she sewed for everyone in the class. God bless you Barb!! I know you are looking down on all of us from heaven!!###imported-begin##Gwen Marshall (Fyten)###imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 11:42 AM



“ Barb was my first grade teacher at Holy Trinity and I still have some of the items she sewed for all of us with our names on them. She was a wonderful teacher and treated all of her students with love and kindness. God bless all who remember her!!###imported-begin##Gwen Marshall (Fyten)###imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Lora is a good friend and co-worker. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Jody Parks##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 11:34 AM



“ Mrs. Sufka help my sisters through their first year in school they both loved her as a teacher and as a friend, for me i never had her for a teacher but i did have Mr. Litke and i tell you he might of been the hardest teacher on me but i wouldnt be the man i am today so Mr. Litke thank you and thanks to Mrs. Sufka for teaching my siblings thank you and may you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Brian Steffen##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 10:41 AM



“ We are so very sorry to hear about your loss. Rex and I are friends of Lora and Roger. Your family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Rex and Rebecca Ruth##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 10:40 AM



“ We Love You and will miss you very MUCH! Our prayers go out to all the family!##imported-begin##Sandy Kimman And Family##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 08:59 AM



“ I know she is looking down at all of us, seeing the tears and thinking, "People, get on with it ..I'm not that special". Just think what this world would be if there were more people like her! We are all better for having known her and being able to call her our sister, daughter, aunt, friend, teacher, and mentor. Kurt, thanks for bringing her into our lives and giving us the memories. I love you!###imported-begin###Lora Henze###imported-end###

April 29, 2009 at 08:57 AM



“ Our youngest child Alex was able to have Ms. Sufka for a teacher and he truly loved his kindergarten teacher. Alex still has his quilted name she gave to each student at the end of the year hanging in his bedroom. We will never forget her and no words can express the loss of such a great person/teacher. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.###imported-begin###Mike, Pearl & Alex Wilson###imported-end###

April 29, 2009 at 01:56 AM



“ Ms. Sufka was my First Grade teacher 21 years ago. I remember the weekly drawings we would have and the stuffed animals Ms. Sufka sewed for prizes . . . I know they are still hanging out at Mom and Dad's house in Pierz! When I graduated from Healy High in 2000 Ms. Sufka made a quilt for me as a grad gift . . . words cannot describe what that meant to me. I was deeply saddened to hear about her passing and my thoughts are with her family and friends. I will continue to think of and remember her as the extraordinary person that she was.###imported-begin###Katie Bell###imported-end###

April 29, 2009 at 12:59 AM



“ I remember playing Cranium soon after our family met Barb. Our team was stumped by one of those ridiculously worded Factoid questions. After a few minutes (with either Kurt or Cor doing the Jeopardy theme song and banging on the timer to really help us focus), Barb suggested, "The Day the Music Died." What I can't remember is whether or not we went with it... of course she was right though, and we all quickly realized she was the Star Performer go-to-player, particularly in a Humdinger dual! There are so many superlative crowns for Barb (i.e. Funniest-Person-to-let-out-a- "What-the-hell," Best Quilter, Pickiest-Person-at-the Table, Best Smeller, Most Resourceful, Hallmark Goddess, Best Attitude, Musical Lyrics Diva, Least-Likely-to-Play-With-Dogs...) but Kurtie, you and your spouse ("Babydoll" is too much for this, no? Though it always made her roll her eyes and laugh!), were never much for a scene... I'm so glad you brought her into our lives - you're CLASSICS and I love you both lots.##imported-begin##Kelsey Henze##imported-end##

April 29, 2009 at 12:13 AM



“ Kurt and family, my heart goes out to you. Barb was the first one I saw each day when I walked into school. She always greeted me with a smile. She was a person who gave so much and never asked for anything back. I have many of her baby quilts she has made that I purchased for gifts but now I know I won't be able to part with them because they will keep her memory close at heart and remind me of her warmth and tenderness. I have had a difficult time since I received the call on Sunday. I didn't know how easy it would be to go to work knowing one of our Pioneer family members would never be back. But both mornings as I dreaded the start of the new day, I heard one of Alan Jackson's songs on the radio. The lyrics brought me comfort and gave me the feeling that Barb was talking to me through the song. It was just like Barb to say "Don't worry bout me" and do for others even when she was ill. I will keep you all in my prayers, especially you- Kurt. Hoping to see you soon! Love Susie###imported-begin##Susan Kasper###imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 11:50 PM



“ Ms. Sufka,
You will never be forgotten. Every Kindergarten teacher holds a special spot in a person's heart. However, the spot you hold is much larger than the usual. You were an amazing teacher, you cared so much for each and everyone of your students. Most of all my projects that my parents have saved for me came from your class. I am attending college and majoring in Elementary Education with a pre-primary specialty. I hope that one day I will be able to have as much passion for teaching as you did.
Ms. Sufka's Family,
I know you all know what a wonderful, strong, caring, and compassionate person Ms. Sufka was. Anyone who met her was truly blessed! I am keeping you all in my prayers. God Bless!###imported-begin##Kathy Brenny###imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 11:31 PM



“ To the family of Barb Sufka, you have my deepest sympathy. Barb truly made the world a better place through her work and personality. It is heartbreaking that she was taken from us so soon, but she now is in a better place. She will be remembered by us all as she has touched so many.##imported-begin##Charles Boser##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 11:21 PM



“ You will be missed. You were the greatest kindergarten teacher ever and you are the reason I am going into Elementary Education. You have touched so many lives and will never be forgotten. You were an angel on Earth and you were a friend to so many. Forever in my heart. - Rachel##imported-begin##Rachel Bednar##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 10:36 PM



“ Mr. Litke you are in my thoughts and prayers. Ms. Sufka was one of the nicest ladies along with teachers I have ever known. The memories of kindergarden and just seeing her in school, those will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Courtney Poser##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 10:35 PM



“ Barb was such a wonderful friend. Her intelligent wit invigorated those around her. The special cards or gifts she made left you in awe of her many talents. We now have a hole in the melody section of our Folk Group choir that Barb referred to as the "normal singers". Practice was always memorable when she was there. We will never forget her. Our lives were enhanced by her presence, they are diminished by her absence. Rest in peace, friend.##imported-begin##Mike and RoseAnn Virnig##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 10:18 PM



“ To "Ms. Sufka's" family: you are all in my prayers and thoughts, "Ms. Sufka" as I always knew her was an amazing person... I still remember kindergarten VERY well and I feel it is because of her. From the neat sitting duck's that she made for us to all of the other crafts and quilting, she gave our class so many great memories! And now she is free of the sufferings of this life and on to a new one with God.

Again, my prayers and sympathies for the loss of this wonderful lady we were all so privileged to have touch our lives. We will never forget her.##imported-begin##Ashley Uzalac##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 10:12 PM



“ Ms. Sufka was my 1st grade teacher 20 years ago. She is a very memorable person and difinitely lived a life worth celebrating. I still have some of the crafts she made us each month and my mom and I still use the pumpkin bread recipe we made together in her classroom. She was a great teacher. God must have needed her to teach the children in heaven.##imported-begin##Jaime Preble (Herold)##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 10:02 PM



“ Kurt,
You are in our thoughts and prayers as these days, months and years go by. Barb was an amazing person, her kindness, spirit and talent will never be forgotten. Her heart was bigger than the world and she had room for everyone. You were so lucky to have had this time with her, but she was just as lucky to have you and your family through this deep dark illness. You and your family have been there for her to see some light until the end with all your love, care and support. Hang on to the memories and keep reminding yourself of them, that is what will get you through. Krista was the fortunate one to have Barb! She will never be forgotten.
Hang in there Kurt. Love ya.##imported-begin##Greg, Betsy, Kelsey, Krista & Kendra##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 10:00 PM



“ We love u and will miss u! u touched all our lives and well never ever be forgotten!!!##imported-begin##Emily & Louis Stangl##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 09:58 PM



“ Kurt & family, our sympathies go out to you. Barb was a very caring and talented woman and teacher. Corrine & Landon really enjoyed being able to write and receive letters from her over the past few months. May our good Lord give you strength in these coming days, weeks and months ahead. You're in our prayers.
Word###imported-begin###Howie, Kelly, Latyana, Elias, Corrine & Landon Schomer###imported-end###

April 28, 2009 at 09:53 PM



“ Kurt,
I'm sending my sincere sympathy to you and your family. Barb is a blessing to anyone that had the privilege of knowing her. What an incredible pleasure it was to work with such an excellent teacher and human being. We will always treasure the quilts that she made for our grandchildren and remember her with love. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Deb Tabor###imported-begin###Deb Tabor###imported-end###

April 28, 2009 at 09:29 PM



“ Ms Sufka was a wonderful teacher. My son, Dominic, had never gone to school or daycare before his kindergarten year and I was very nervous about how he would do, but Ms. Sufka made school so fun for him that it was never an issue. When I learned that Noah would be in Ms. Sufka's class this year I was thrilled. I loved seeing the things she made and would send home with the kids, and I knew she would make his year fun. When I learned that she was sick it broke my heart. Ms. Sufka was the best teacher anyone could have, I just wish my daughter Kyla could have gotten to know her. She will be missed. My prayers are with Mr. Litke and their families.##imported-begin##Alesha LaValle, Dominic, Noah and Kyla Graff##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 08:13 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kurt and the family during this time of your loss. Jade had her as a teacher last year and loved her and I was hoping Jetta was going to get her next year. Jade always came home with such wonderful projects. I volunteered last year a few times for her class and she was always a joy and great to her kids. We had to get out the Kindergarten scrapbook she made to look at, which brought back great memories for her school year. Ms. Sufka will be sadly missed!##imported-begin##Julie, Jasmine, Jade, and Jetta Boser##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 07:47 PM



“ We had the privilege of having Barb teach two of our children. She was absolutely wonderful and a dedicated teacher. Her heart was as big as the world. I know Barb left this world a better place by her love for children and teaching. I know our lives have been blessed just from knowing Barb. Our love to all left behind. Hugs###imported-begin###Neil Korf family###imported-end###

April 28, 2009 at 06:09 PM



“ Barb and I went to high school together and briefly dated our first year of college. Later, she lived above me in the dorms at Iowa State. She had a good sense of humor and was unflappable and she was tough. She went way too soon.###imported-begin###Steve Gregg###imported-end###

April 28, 2009 at 06:01 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of the family. When I came to Holy Trinity in 1988, Barb, Julie (Mueller) Barten, Jerri Stangl, and I were called the four musketeers. We had such a great time together. Memories that will never be forgotten. Her wonderful personality, teaching ethics, and beautiful quilts will always be a legacy to all who Barb touched. She will always be remembered. May the angels guide her to paradise and the martyrs take her home. God Bless. Jan###imported-begin###Janice Rybaski###imported-end###

April 28, 2009 at 04:39 PM



“ Kurt, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your extended family. I wish you all strength and hope. God Bless You.##imported-begin##Tom Flicker##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 04:25 PM



“ Kurt and Family,
You are in our prayers. We are celebrating her life in our thoughts. She was such a big part in the education of Emily and Samantha. She started them towards fun learning, the joy of giving to others and a beautiful enviroment of caring. We are truly honored to have known her. She will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Colleen, Tom, Emily and Samantha Seelen##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 02:32 PM



“ To the Family of Barb,
I am deeply saddened by your loss. We only knew Barb through the Baseball team and she was was a very nice, personable, kind person. Curt, Thank you for every year having us over as a team and making a meal, Barb and you always did a wonderful job and made us feel very welcome, even with our children. Thank you again, may God bless you.##imported-begin##Shelly and Eric Hanneken##imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 12:29 PM



“ I am speaking for the Lincoln High School ,class of 1973.We are all sad,and are mourning a friend and classmate.We send our sympathy and prayers to Barb's family.I was fortunate enough to go to middle school as well as Lincoln.We have all lost too many.

Sincerely,

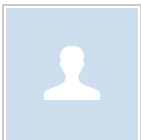
The 1973 Class Of Des
Moines Lincoln High School###imported-begin##Deb Swanson-
Dresback###imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 12:23 PM



“ With great sadness my sympathies go out to Kurt and the extended family. She will be greatly missed by all as she did touch so many lives. The baseball gatherings at Kurt and Barb's place are memories I will hang onto dearly! Kurt, know that you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers!###imported-begin##Kim Rocheleau###imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 11:05 AM



“ The world has lost a very wonderful and talented lady. Her courage and strength are to be admired. She will be missed tremendously. Until we meet again.....

Annette Smieja and family###imported-begin##Smieja's###imported-end##

April 28, 2009 at 09:42 AM



“ *May you Rest in Peace.*

You have my sympathy Wilbur.

JuneBug##imported-begin##David Rocheleau##imported-end##

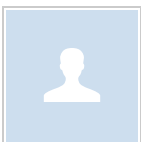
April 28, 2009 at 08:48 AM



“ *Kurt,*

So sorry to hear about Barb. But you will always have to remember she is in a better place, no more pain! You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts over these next few days, months, and years to come. Don't be afraid to ask if you need help or just a shoulder to cry on. That's what friends and family are for. Take care and have time for yourself. Love you Wills!!!!##imported-begin##Debbie,Mark,Shelby & Kyle Fuhrman##imported-end##

April 27, 2009 at 11:17 PM



“ *Kurt and family,*

Kurt hope everything is going O.K. for you. This is a very difficult time but you have a great family and good friends to help you through. Stay strong and if you need anything let us know.##imported-begin##Dan & Kim Rocheleau##imported-end##

April 27, 2009 at 11:04 PM



“ Dear Kurt,

We wanted to write and tell you how sorry we are for your loss. There are never the right words to express how deeply sad we are that you have to endure your loss. Barb will truly missed by everyone who knew her no matter where they crossed her path in life. Barb was always there to help no matter how busy she was while never wanting anything in return. May your memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. We are here to help you in any way we can at any time. Do not hesitate to call us for anything at all.

The Gammons###imported-begin###Dan, Becky, Nathan, Zachary, Christopher, Megan Gammon###imported-end###

April 27, 2009 at 10:05 PM



“ We are all feeling so sad today. Four of our children were fortunate enough to have Ms. Sufka for their teacher. I always said that if you looked up the word teacher in the dictionary, her picture was sure to be there. She was terrific and our children loved her. May God comfort her family and friends in this time of sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Rich, Jan, Ashley, Teresa, and Christina Karst and Vanessa Schram###imported-end###

April 27, 2009 at 02:10 PM



“ *What a wonderful person Barb was! She will be missed by so many. To Kurt and the rest of her family, we send up prayers for comfort and peace to your aching hearts. Blessings to you for caring for her and all her needs during her illness.*

*Beautiful
Artistic
Real
Bright*

*Spirit
Uplifting
Fun
Kindergarten
Angel*

*Loved
Inspiring
Tolerant
Kind
Energetic*

*Rest in peace Barb!
Love,
Jody, Shelly, Cole & Jody Jr Nelson##imported-begin##Jody, Shelly,
Cole and Jody Jr. Nelson##imported-end##*

April 26, 2009 at 10:16 PM