



Barbara K. Edmonson

December 29, 1933 - November 12, 2015

Barbara K. Edmonson, 81, of North Aurora, passed away Wednesday, November 12, 2015 at her home. She was born December 29, 1933 in Naperville, Il

Barbara worked for many years as an administrative assistant at Fermilab. She was a member of the Aurora Women's Club. She volunteered with Fox Valley Orchestra and The Paramount Theater.

She is survived by her two children, James (Meghan) Edmonson, Mary Safiran; five grandchildren, Christine (George) Poulos, Kimberly (Christopher) Roeloffs, Kristine Young, Dylan Edmonson, Emma Edmonson; a great grandchild, Mya Califf; a sister, Marjorie Hart; a sister-in-law, Anne D'arcy; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Katherine (Schmidt) Rife; her son-in-law, James Safiran; two brothers, Mark Rife and William Rife.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL.

60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Barbara's family.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Barb for many years at DZero, a collider experiment at Fermilab. I have a story for you I hope will bring a smile.

Around 1999, a group of 6 ladies took a trip to Paris, France. One of the ladies found a AMEX special, \$200, round trip, bring a buddy. Two 'buddies' turned into 6 and Barb was one of them. The 'catch' was that there was a ~7 hr layover in Dublin, Ireland.

So, Barb hosted our first get together to make our travel plans. We were all so excited. We arranged for a van to pick us up at the Dublin airport, take us on a tour around town, and then back to the airport. Once we arrived at CDG, another van picked us up and delivered us to our hotel. All of this was planned online--we were so tech savvy!

One of my favorite memories of the trip was Barb and I trying to phone home to let everyone know we arrived. None of us had cell phones so it was a huge effort. Barb and I found a payphone around day 4 and were trying to figure out how to use it with our calling cards. Barb tried hers numerous times but the voice on the phone rattled something off really fast in French that we just couldn't understand. Barb knew a little French, and so did I, so we both listened several times trying to piece words together. Nothing worked.

I suggested we use my card in the hopes that perhaps an English speaking operator would answer. I get my card out and flip it over to find the number to call. The text was so small I couldn't read it. (I hadn't realized I needed glasses yet.) I looked at Barb and she knew, via her incredible 'spidy' senses, I couldn't read it. The next thing I know she whips out a magnifying lens from her purse! I just busted out laughing and so did she. We tried, through the giggles, to make the call but to no avail. We had too many tears in our eyes from laughing so hard. We decided it was time to have a cocktail and the folks at home would just have to wait.

Throughout our visit, Barb and I would piece together what we wanted to say in French, practice the phrase a few times, and go for it. She taught me how to be a traveler, not a tourist. I am eternally grateful.

I will never forget my trip to Dublin/Paris with Barb. We all had such fun seeing the sights and pinching ourselves that we were actually in Paris, a dream come true.

Linda Bagby

Linda Bagby - November 20, 2015 at 07:03 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Barbara K. Edmonson.*



November 18, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ *The Young Family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Barbara K. Edmonson.*



The Young Family - November 18, 2015 at 11:41 AM

CJ

“ Chuck, Nicole, Felicia, and Jake purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Barbara K. Edmonson.



Chuck, Nicole, Felicia, and Jake - November 18, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss, I worked at Fermilab, with Barb when she was at the D-Zero Assembly Building. She was a nice classy lady. These are old terms but they best describe how I remember her.

Pete S

Pete Simon - November 17, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara K. Edmonson.



November 16, 2015 at 11:50 AM

DA

“ *Mary and Jim,*

Ann and I are so sad for your loss. Please know that our thoughts are with you.

We felt a special connection with Barbara because she was the first member of the family I introduced Ann to. It was at a family reunion back in 1991 or 1992.

I have so many fond memories of visiting Barbara as a child when we were in Naperville staying with Grandma Rife; catching fireflies in her yard, riding in the backseat of her Volkswagen, playing with her boxer named Duchess, and eating her wonderful homemade jam.

I also have memories of her hospitality during the time I lived in Wisconsin and was in the Chicago area on business. She and BJ the beagle were always there to welcome me with a hug and a wonderful meal.

I will miss my Aunt Barb.

*Love,
Dan*

Daniel - November 16, 2015 at 10:11 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Barbara K. Edmonson.*



November 15, 2015 at 09:07 PM

CH

“ *Cousin Chris Hart purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Barbara K. Edmonson.*



Cousin Chris Hart - November 15, 2015 at 02:17 PM