



## Barbara Sue Kusman

December 17, 1948 - November 6, 2018

Barbara Sue (Wells) Kusman, 69, of Sheldon, passed away on November 6, 2018 at Carle Hospital in Champaign, IL surrounded by family and friends.

Barb was born December 17, 1948 in Bradley, IL, the eldest daughter of John and Gertrude “Dolly” (Hardesty) Wells.

Barb was an admired and loved teacher and coach in the Sheldon School District for over 30 years. Among the many accolades throughout her years Barb was instrumental in girls playing sports at the IHSA level. Barb loved to bake, especially for family and friends; she also loved to work in her flowers, travel, swim, and volunteer her time to many different organizations. Above all, Barb loved spending time with her five grandchildren. They were the light of her life. Always with a photo in hand, Barb was never shy to speak and share her love for her grandkids. She always said being a Grammie was the best job she'd ever had.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Travis and Jenn Phillips of Martinsville, IL; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Ashley Kusman of Priceville, AL; five beloved grandchildren, Ashtyn, Kennedy, Isabella, Paxton,

and Lawson; one brother and sister-in-law, Lyle and Sandra Wells of Kankakee; one sister Bev Austin of Bourbonnais; her best friend of 50 years, Vickie Webster of Sheldon, her cat, Molly, and many special family and friends.

With great respect to Barb's wishes, there will be no services. Cremation Rites have been accorded. Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee, IL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *David And Julie Calkins lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Kusman* ”



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**David and Julie Calkins** - December 17, 2018 at 12:14 PM

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“ *Barb (Barbara) was an outstanding Neighbor and Friend. In the beginning when my children were small we were not that chummy as I understood Barb would then teach my children in grade school at Sheldon Elementary ...but to then later develop an everlasting bond and friendship through the years of being neighbors. It was a pleasure watching her children grow up and she also watched mine too. Her love for children was something to be admired. She was led by her heart and loved by many. There were always cars coming and going from her property. We could always here laughter across the street and on the hot summer nights everyone would be in and out of their pool, barbecuing, hosting company and enjoying the moment. Mrs. Kusman was a woman who in my eyes - is an Icon. I loved our long talks on the porch which often included Vicky Webster - Who is also another Icon. Barb would update me how her grandchildren were doing and her latest adventures. I could always see the brightness in her eyes when she spoke of her family. She completely adored Billy and Jennifer and all of her grandchildren. She told me in confidence that she is forever grateful for all the help that she has received from her Dear Friend Vicky. And let me add that the Beautiful Thank you Christmas centerpiece delivered to me a few years ago, was a gift I will always remember as it was Exceptionally Beautiful and from MY Wonderful Neighbor. We will Forever Miss You Barb and may you rest in peace! And Oh Yeah- I know it was you who left that cranberry bread on my car, Thank you, it was delicious!*

*Love the Albano Sikma Clan*

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**Tammy Albano** - December 05, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ *Barb was big part of the Wells and Hardesty families, and she will be missed.RIP Barb.*

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**William Hardesty** - November 10, 2018 at 11:44 AM

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“ *I am grateful to have been a part of the many treasured memories made with Barb in the Sheldon Grade school building!! Jennifer and Bill we are so sorry for the broken hearts you and your kids are experiencing and hope it fills soon with all of the memories your mom made with your families.*

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**Carol Clark** - November 08, 2018 at 02:34 PM