



## Barbara J. Balka

September 5, 1952 - April 17, 2019

Dateline Jasper, IN

Barbara J. Balka, age 66 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 7:08 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper, Indiana.

Barbara was born in Evansville, IN on September 5, 1952 to Don and Norma Jean (Clayton) Bruce. She married Dan Balka on August 3, 1974 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Evansville.

She retired as a director of Planned Giving at the St. Meinrad Arch Abbey and previously worked as a probation officer in Dubois County.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper where she was a member of their first CRHP group, and served as a Eucharistic minister and a reader.

She enjoyed sewing, reading, Boston Terriers, exercising, and spending time with friends and family.

Surviving are her husband, Dan Balka of Jasper, three sons, Mike Balka (Jeni) Greencastle, IN, Eric Balka (Abby) Indianapolis, IN, and Jeff Balka New York

City, NY, two grandchildren Emma and Dylan Balka, Parents, Don and Norma Jean Bruce, Evansville, three sisters, Sandy Wilson (John) St. Meinrad, Patti McBride, Evansville, and Lisa Monk (Gaylan), Murfreesboro, TN, and one brother Steve Bruce (Jodi), Evansville.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Barbara J. Balka will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and from 9:00 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. service time at the church on Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Meinrad Arch Abbey.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 23. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Visitation

APR 24. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara J. Balka*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *The girls and I were so sad to hear this news--Thinking of all the Bruce family and friends today, and remembering lots of laughs with the cousins in southern Indiana. Sending love and light! Nora, Nadia and Maya*

**Nora Stephens** - April 24, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Beth/Carl Underwood lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Balka*



**Beth/Carl Underwood** - April 23, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ *Our condolences to the entire family.*



**Brian and Joan Knies** - April 23, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss and prayers for your family.*

**Steven Kluesner** - April 23, 2019 at 01:28 PM

CH

“ Barb was such an amazing woman! She was great to work with and so much fun to be around. She will be missed by so many people. I am so glad I had the chance to know her. Prayers to the whole family.

Cheryl Knies

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Cheryl - April 23, 2019 at 08:38 AM

CH

“ I worked with Barb at Saint Meinrad Archabbey and always loved when she'd come in my office. We would end up laughing our heads off. She was so intelligent and organized but still managed to make work fun. My condolences to Dan and their sons and to all her siblings and parents. She will be missed but never forgotten.

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Cecelia Hamilton - April 22, 2019 at 08:52 PM

EB

“ Barb was such a kind, intelligent, funny, loving person who adored her family and lived life with gusto. Hard to believe she's no longer with us in person. Her contributions professionally and personally as a court reporter and then as a probation officer with Dubois Superior Court were so outstanding. She was a wonderful friend who is sadly missed.

Elaine Brown

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Elaine Brown - April 19, 2019 at 11:08 AM

AG

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.



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Angie & Jeff Giesler - April 19, 2019 at 08:35 AM

DB

“ *Loved her so sweet  
Took care of their children  
Great family to work for  
Prayers and hugs  
Dan and family hugs to all*♥♥

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**donna kieffner brittingham** - April 19, 2019 at 08:22 AM

CH

“ *My sympathy and prayers to Barb's family. I worked with Barb at Dubois Superior Court during Elaine's first term and before I started my teaching career. She was an extremely intelligent woman who did her job well. We had a lot of fun times at the courthouse. Gone too soon!*



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**Chris Bohnert Hinkle** - April 19, 2019 at 08:07 AM

EF

“ *To the entire Balka family: You have my prayers and condolences at this difficult time.*



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**Emily Fromme** - April 19, 2019 at 01:27 AM

BU

“ *Beth Underwood lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Balka*



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**Beth Underwood** - April 18, 2019 at 10:21 PM

DB

“ I met Barb back in her Kimball days. She was such an efficient person. She could do her job while teaching me my temporary duties, all with a smile. Later as social friends, I learned of her wonderful, unique, sense of humor. What a loss to all left behind. Rest well, Barb.

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**Deb Blume** - April 18, 2019 at 07:57 PM

YM

“ I'm shocked to read of Barb's passing! I worked with Barb when I was a Dubois Circuit Court Reporter. She always make me laugh. I really enjoyed being around her. My condolences to her family.



*Yvonne (Sutton) Miles*

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**Yvonne (Sutton) Miles** - April 18, 2019 at 07:41 PM

KO

“ So saddened to hear the news of Barb's passing - our prayers are with all of you Bruce's and family. I cherish the memories of going to Evansville to see Grandma Bruce and the heading out to Uncle Don's to see another huge family! Many fun trips and all the Don Bruce kids so sweet and friendly!

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**Kathy Kerney Owens** - April 18, 2019 at 07:01 PM

JB

“ I can hardly believe what I am reading here.  
I worked with Barb at Price and Bradley many years ago. She taught me so much and I cherished her friendship. She was always so cheerful and kind and she loved her family so much. We enjoyed catching up when we ran into each other.  
Dan, I am so sorry.  
Jane Braun

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**Jane Braun** - April 18, 2019 at 05:17 PM