



Barbara Geist

July 19, 1935 - February 9, 2005

Barbara Jean Melchior Geist, 69, Topeka, passed away at her home after a short illness on Wednesday, February 9, 2005.

Barb was born July 19, 1935 in Topeka, the daughter of Joseph J. and Mary J. Crettol Melchior. Her mother passed away when Barb was very young and her father married Frances Durkin, who was a loving mother to Barb. She survives.

Barb was a lifelong Topeka resident. She attended Assumption School, graduated from Hayden High School in 1953, and earned her Registered Nurse (RN) designation from St. Francis School of Nursing in 1956. She worked at St. Francis Hospital and was a Certified School Nurse for District 501 for 28 years, retiring in 1995. She was a member of the Kansas State Nursing Association and the Kansas National Education Association. She was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish where she served on the School Board and was a funeral lunch volunteer. She served on the President Search Committee for Hayden High School, and volunteered for Let's Help and the ERC.

On September 8, 1956, 48 years ago, classmates and high school sweethearts, Barbara and Robert L. Geist were married at Assumption Church. He survives.

Other survivors include her son, Joe Geist, and his wife, Kate, and their children, Joseph, Abigail, Steven, Michael, Grace and Daniel of Overland Park; her son, Mike Geist, and his wife, Debbie, and their children, Amy, Amanda, and Ryan of Topeka; her son, David Geist, and his wife, Jill, and their children, Sarah and Milton of Littleton CO; her son, Paul Geist, and his wife, Sharon, and their children, Erica and Melissa of Topeka; her brother, Jerome Melchior, Vincennes IN; and her brother-in-law, Joseph Edward Geist, Fayette MO.

Barb will lie in state and family will greet friends from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 14, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church where Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated immediately following the visitation at 11:00 a.m. Private inurnment will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Midland Hospice Care, Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish, and Hayden High School, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Geist*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dave, Jill and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. There is no other hurt in the world like this one. I know you will sorely miss her. I remember seeing her at the Hayden ballgames, and you could tell she was full of pride for her boys. My prayers are with you.*

Anita (Wunder) Dudding - March 16, 2005 at 12:42 AM



“ *Joe,David,Paul, Was sorry to hear the loss of your mother.Still remember our time growing up in the old neighbor hood over on Hillcrest. Our prays are with your family. Bill Lechner,and Family.*

Bill lechner ,mother Darlene lechner - February 15, 2005 at 09:30 PM



“ *Dear Geist Family,*

It was an honor to work with Barbara at Robinson Middle School. Her relationships with students, parents, and staff were superb. She was extremely professional and a great nurse to all of us. I particularly appreciated her cheerfulness, twinkling eyes, and great smile; a real people person.

May God Bless You and Barbara.

Donna Brohaugh

Donna Brohaugh - February 15, 2005 at 05:06 PM

CB

“ *Giest Family:*

I am a former "customer" of Mrs. Giest. She was my school nurse for 7 yrs and when I began thinking about going back to school for my RN it was the memory of her kindness, compassion, and understanding that greatly influenced my decision. She was a wonderful person inside and out and made everyone around her feel special and unique. I was greatly saddened to hear of her passing but her memory and compassion will live on both in her family and in those students whose lives she touched everyday. You are in my prayers. Peace Christina

Christina Barker - February 14, 2005 at 01:11 PM

DH

“ *DEAR GIEST FAMILY; SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF A WONDERFUL LADY. BARBARA WAS A FUN PERSON TO TALK TO AND DID A GREAT JOB AT ROBINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE ALWAYS WOULD GIVE YOU A SMILE WHEN TALKING TO HER. MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY. DARRELL HESSLER*

DARRELL HESSLER - February 14, 2005 at 11:44 AM

KS

“ *To Barb's family, I am a teacher at Robinson Middle School. I had the pleasure of working with Barb for 6 years until she retired. What a joy it was to know her. She always brought sunshine and happiness into a room. Barb had such a wonderful and warm personality, she will truly be missed. When I think of her, she brings a smile to my face and a flood of good memories.*

Kim Stroud - February 14, 2005 at 11:12 AM

RH

“ *Bob and Family:
We remember all the happy times we had together; when we were young and our children we growing up in Most Pure Heart and Hayden High School.
Memories like this never fade. God Bless you all.
Ralph and Pat Huston*

Ralph and Pat Huston - February 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Mike an Debbie and family. I was so very sorry to read about Barb . 69 is oh so very young. This is such a hard thing to go through and I'm so glad there are so many of you to support each other.*

Sue and Steve Huston - February 13, 2005 at 07:31 PM

LF

“ *Bob and family,
Barb will truly be missed by all. What a great person----to be taken away too soon.
Our condolences, prayers and love are with you.
Robert, Karon, Clint and Austin Lee*

Lee Family - February 12, 2005 at 07:10 PM

PK

“ Dearest Bob, Joe, Mike, Dave ,and Paul and your own dear families,

Mary and Bob Bueltel called me yesterday about Barb and as tears came to my eyes, so many great memories came to my heart. Barbara's smile and laugh I remember so clearly thru all our growing up days. Bob and Barb were and are my parents best friends and the people who always made them laugh and love life. I wish I could be there with you, but know you are in the hearts and prayers of so many who love the Great Geist Family.

Paula Kennedy Kehoe

Paula Kennedy Kehoe - February 12, 2005 at 02:57 PM

JL

“ Our sympathy to you in the loss of your loved one. We became acquainted with Barb when Lanny and Judy were your neighbors.

John and Ronda Lichtenhan - February 12, 2005 at 12:25 AM

MB

“ Dear Bob:

I was so sorry to learn of Barbara's passing. We go back a long way - grade school, believe it or not. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. God bless!

Mary (Burgardt) Brennan - February 11, 2005 at 07:57 PM

BG

“ *Dear Geist Family,*

please know that we were saddened to learn of Barb's passing. Please know that all of our families prayers & condolences go out to all of the members of your family.

*LOVE,
NORMA & BILL FALK*

BARBARA GEIST - February 11, 2005 at 07:02 PM



“ *Barbara Geist*

February 11, 2005 at 06:19 PM

PM

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers, Pat McKee, John and family, Jeff and family, and Jay and family.*

Pat McKee - February 11, 2005 at 06:18 PM

TN

“ *Dear Giest Family, my condolences to Dr. Giest and all the family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at you time of loss. May God bless you all during this time. Sincerely, Toni and Bill Newman*

Toni and Bill Newman - February 11, 2005 at 02:10 PM

JS

“ Dear Geist Family - Please know you are in our prayers at this difficult time for your family. It's been a comfort for the Spains to see the Geists at the Hayden community events as our son entered this fall as a Freshmen. It has given us a great feeling of community and continuity. With your family being such a big part of the community, you'll understand why so many share your loss. God Bless Barbara and You All. John Spain and Family.

John Spain - February 11, 2005 at 10:50 AM

JY

“ Dear Bob, Joe and Geist family. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. As I read about it all the great memories of being at the Geist home after playing football games at Hayden came rushing back. Barb was always there with her great smile and lots of food. Barb and Bob always welcomed us into their home no matter what the time was. We all will miss her. God bless all of you. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.
Jerry and Jane Young

Jerry & Jane Young - February 11, 2005 at 10:20 AM

JM

“ Dear Bob, Mike and family,
I was so saddened to hear of your loss. It makes me realize how short life is. I will always remember Barbara's smile and how she always treated all the kids in the neighborhood at Hillcrest and all of her children's classmates. The Geist home was always a welcome place for us all.

It has been so long since I have seen you Mike, However my best memories from first to eighth grade are times spent with you. From fishing on the bridge at Crestview to the many bike trips we took and all the fun we had at MPH.

May God bless you all and comfort you in this most difficult time. I for one will always remember her smile and love.

Sincerely,
John Anthony Malecki

John Malecki - February 11, 2005 at 09:59 AM