



Barbara J. Kotz

January 18, 1950 - October 19, 2011

Generous and Loving Wife, Mom, Sister, Aunt and Friend

Barbara J. Kotz, 61, of Rockford died on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 9:15 p.m. in her home surrounded by her loving family. Barb was born on January 18, 1950 in York, PA, daughter of Raymond and Marie Sheese. United in Marriage to Steven Kotz on November 27, 1968 in Rockford. Barb was formerly employed as the Assistant Manager of A-American Self Storage and as a Lunch Coordinator in the Rockford School District for 18 years, most recently at Macintosh Elementary. She was a member of Heartland Community Church, and loved participating in the women's ministry as well as the other classes. She served as a volunteer in the children's ministry, Launch. She loved attending Heartland and helping in any way that she could. Barb will always be remembered for her compassionate spirit, as well as her ability to listen and offer advice. She is survived by her husband; children, Christopher Kotz, Shannon (Dereck) Pumilia, Jaimie (Scott) Borota; siblings, Debra Wahl, Jim Sheese, John Sheese; all of Rockford; nephew, Courtney (Leigh) Wahl of Alaska; niece, Andria Wahl of Rockford; special friend Bridget Layng of Rockford. Preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service will be Monday, October 24, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community Church, 1280 S. Alpine Rd. Rockford, with visitation at 11:00 a.m. until the service. Pastor Doug Thiesen will officiate. Interment in Willwood Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Northern Illinois Hospice and Grief Center. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. To share

a memory or condolence online, visit www.graceFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Willwood Burial Park

7000 West State Street
Rockford, IL 61102

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Community Church
1280 South Alpine Road
Rockford, IL

Service

OCT **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



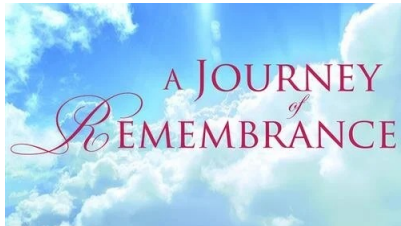
“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Barbara J. Kotz



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 04, 2014 at 11:32 AM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara J. Kotz



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“ I knew them in Presho SD. Steve went to hs with me and Steve, Barb , my brother and I had some wild and wooly times...totally enjoyed. I moved to Pcola fla and one time visited them in Rockford..then lost touch. Look forward to seeing them both in the resurrection...a great couple Lenard Lien

janet/lenard lien - June 05, 2024 at 09:56 PM

EO

“ *Edwynna M. Owens lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Kotz*



Edwynna M. Owens - October 23, 2011 at 09:39 PM

EO

To Steve and family, I want you to know that you're in our prayers. We pray that God comfort you and give you peace.

Edwynna M. Owens - October 23, 2011 at 10:33 PM

EJ

“ *Erin Jardine lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Kotz*



Erin Jardine - October 22, 2011 at 12:07 AM

CC

“ *Barb and I started our journey of friendship ten years ago when we both became employed by A-American Self Storage. Through the years, we became close, and shared many stories of our lives. Barb was much more than just a coworker of mine, she was a friend. I admired Barb for her bright and beautiful individuality; she was a special person who touched many lives through her kind and compassionate nature. I will never forget our crypto quotes, and crossword puzzles days, our employee banquets, the year we gave thanks at thanksgiving, other special occasions, conversations, and the night that she attended Heartland Church for the very first time with me. If I could have just one more moment with her, I'd say... Spread those beautiful wings, fly high above these white clouds, and shine bright in the midnight sky, and most of all... If ever my mind forgets in my older years, my heart will always remember. Sending my ? with you.*



-Crystal Cooksey

Crystal Cooksey - October 21, 2011 at 08:59 PM