



## Barbara Jean Henke

December 2, 1950 - June 17, 2022

Barb's service is viewable at <https://vimeo.com/724072468>

Barbara Jean Henke, 71, West Fargo, North Dakota formerly Valley City, North Dakota passed away Friday, June 17, 2022 at home surrounded by her family. The funeral service will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, June 25 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be 6-7 pm Friday at the church with a prayer service at 7 pm. Visitation will continue Saturday one hour before the service at the church.

Barbara Jean Kelly was born December 2, 1950 in Valley City, North Dakota, the daughter of Earl and Ruby (Strand) Kelly. She graduated from Valley City High School in 1968 and then attended Valley City State University.

Barb married Paul Allan Henke on June 30, 1973. They made their home in Valley City where Barb worked at the family business, Ben Franklin, and as an EMT for Scott Miller for many years.

Barb was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. She served as a volunteer for the Red Cross for 28 years.

Barb is survived by her husband of 49 years; her children, Carmen Michelle Sorensen (Jason Trzpuć) of Valley City and Nicholas Michael (Lindsey) Henke of Bloomington, Minnesota; grandchildren, Hannah Sorensen of West Fargo,

Zoe Henke and Liev Henke of Bloomington; a brother, James (Donna) Kelly of Lehi, Utah and a sister, Susan Schuchard of West Fargo. She is also survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Michael Earl Kelly and Robert Steven Kelly; her granddaughter, Nora Kelly Henke; and a brother-in-law Barry Schuchard.

Memorials may be directed to the Red Cross or Red River Zoo, Fargo.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [olivernathanchapel.com](http://olivernathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 24. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

## Prayer Service

JUN 24. 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

## Visitation

JUN 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Service

JUN 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Barbara Jean Henke



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - June 25, 2022 at 04:57 PM

SN

*Beautiful service! Rest In Peace, my friend!*

Sandra Nogowski - June 25, 2022 at 07:14 PM

EM

*Rest in God's loving arms, dear Barb. Paul and family, my heart grieves with yours as I give thanks for such a beautiful life well-lived. May peace and comfort surround you in the tender and difficult days ahead. - Libby*

Elizabeth (Rydquist) Mangold - June 25, 2022 at 10:22 PM



*Beautiful service! Barb was a good friend. Barb had that infectious smile. I had wonderful memories of her. Paul and Barb were a very special couple. Sympathy and condolences to Paul and his family. Barb Rest in peace and love. Cheryl*

Cheryl Maurer - July 02, 2022 at 09:55 PM



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Jean Henke



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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - June 22, 2022 at 02:29 PM

DO

“ Sincere sympathy to Barb;s family ... especially Susan .... she had a smile for customers even as the 5 and 10 was closing.... only she could do that with such grace.  
Her connection to Red Cross is amazing.... an important part of her life and for the benefit of others. Others could be encouraged by her smile. May the memories you share be a blessing in the days to come and bring a measure of peace and comfort.

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**Durward and Phyllis Otterness** - June 25, 2022 at 03:34 PM

CM

“ Barb was such a great friend, classmate of Bob, was always so much fun to be with, and that smile I will not forget. God Bless You Barb and Your Family. We will miss You. Bob & Carrie Maresh. P.S. Barb , I know You and Eileen are still helping People in Heaven !!



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**Carrie Maresh** - June 25, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Barb was one of those rare people who had such a presence that it's hard to accept she is gone from this life. I'll cherish my memories with her, from buying the same outfit in junior high to driving around town, many times with "little" Susie between us. I also remember being astonished Barb knew how to cook early in high school. May God bless and comfort Paul and her whole family.*

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**Alice Nelson** - June 25, 2022 at 07:47 AM

KR

“ *I was honored to know Barb through her being the in-law of my sister. I remember hugging her after my niece (her granddaughter) was stillborn and her whispering to me to take care of my sister and brother-in-law. I remember sharing birthday celebrations of my niece and nephew (her grandchildren) and all of us catching up and celebrating them. Barb was kind, generous, and giving of her time. She raised an amazing son whom I'm lucky to call a brother, which has given me three amazing nieces and nephew. She was a singular person with wit, humor, and friendliness to spare.*

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**Kristi** - June 24, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ *I met Barb in college. Her and I became friends and roommates for a while. She was always a dear friend. When Barb had her mind set on something she went after it. When she set her eyes on Paul he didn't have a chance. They had the kind of love only some people can wish for. Barb will be truly missed. Paul you and your family have my condolences. So sorry for your loss. But she will always be in your heart.*

*Bless you all*

*Cheryl Maurer*

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**Cheryl Maurer** - June 24, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Henke.*



June 24, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *43 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - June 22, 2022 at 12:54 PM

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*What wonderful memories are encompassed in the photos.! Thank you for sharing!*

Sandra Nogowski - June 22, 2022 at 02:15 PM

MS

“ *Barbie was a long time friend; she will be missed by many. Her infectious laugh and kind nature were more than any friend could love about her. Melody Schultz* 😭

Melody Schultz - June 22, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Henke.



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June 21, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ I will miss Barb ,but I know where she has gone. She had a Friend in Jesus. Barb was a busy lady! Her laughter was contagious! When I went through some life struggles, she would always remind me to stay positive. I was so amazed with her and Paul doing the Red Cross. They went everywhere! ( I envied her a little bit). To see different parts of the U.S., wow, and to give help to others in desperate need. Her reward will be great in Heaven! She worked heartily, and her faith kept her so positive.



When I moved to Valley City in 1995, Barb showed me places and sort of took me under her wings. We worked on the ambulance together. End of the year would be time for Us Girls to get together, we would play Pictionary. The pictures, and the way she attempted to figure out what a drawing really was, tended to be more hilarious than the game itself! I will miss her. As I write this, my mind is being flooded with good memories, and my eyes with tears. But I know she is in GOOD HANDS, and I believe someday I will see her again.

Holly Neuberger  
Friend Forever

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Holly Neuberger - June 21, 2022 at 11:23 AM



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“ *EVERYONE HAS A FRIEND DURING EACH STAGE OF LIFE. BUT ONLY LUCKY ONES HAVE THE SAME FRIEND IN ALL STAGES OF LIFE.*

*Barb was my friend for 57 years. I was so fortunate to have her in my life! We celebrated the good times in each other's lives and offered support during the difficult times. I have so many memories of our long friendship.*

*I am so pleased I had an opportunity to visit with her recently and reminisce about some of those good times.*

*My deepest sympathy to Paul, Carmen, Nicholas, and all her family!*

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**Sandra Nogowski** - June 20, 2022 at 02:10 PM