



Barbara E. Kackley

October 31, 1943 - February 3, 2024

Mineral Point - Barbara E. Kackley, age 80 of Mineral Point passed away unexpectedly at her home on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

Barbe Kackley often seemed a contradiction: she appeared outgoing and the center of attraction, yet was intensely private and an introvert at heart.

She was generous in spirit willing to reach out to others, but hid her generosity. She gave so much in ways you didn't think you needed to repay.

Barbe had a restless curiosity—she wanted to know something about everything. She became so enthusiastic about a topic, she just had to let you know about it—often in great detail. When our children were young, when they'd ask Barbe a question they'd qualify it by saying, "Mom, give me the dictionary answer, not the encyclopedia one."

Barbe was modest—never boasting about something she'd done. She would be embarrassed about this piece about her.

Most of all Barbe was sold out for the Lord Jesus. She studied the Bible constantly. She looked at everyone through the lens of her faith, wanting the best for every person.

Barbe was born in Fort Monroe, VA, October 31, 1943, to Colonel Walter and Miriam Ellis. She lived in a variety of military posts and homes in Japan, Western US, Washington,DC, and Germany.

She graduated from William Chrisman High School in Independence, MO in 1961 and started in the Journalism School of Northwestern University. She met her husband-to-be at a fraternity-sorority mixer at Northwestern.

Barbe and Jim were married in June 1964 and settled in Evanston, IL. She graduated with a degree in journalism from Northwestern in 1965.

The Kackley's have two children, Shannon (Badger) '65 and John Kackley '66. In 1971 they moved from the Chicago suburbs to downtown Chicago when their children were 4 and 5 years old. The children were reared living in high rise apartments and condos. It was a joyous time visiting museums, musical events and sporting events just a short distance from home.

During this time Barbe capitalized on her journalism training working for the Chicago Tribune as head of real estate classified advertising.

In 1983 as the children were finishing high school, Jim's company transferred him to Tampa, FL, where Jim and Barbe worked for five years. In 1987 they moved back to Chicago, where they played a significant role in the business and civic community until 1999.

In 2000 the Kackley's moved to Mineral Point to start a new stage in life. For 12 years Barbe ran Alpacas of Prairie Station, raising top-quality alpacas.

The development of Barbe's Christian life paralleled her work and family life. She became a Christian in 1969 when she was on the Evangelism Explosion team of First Methodist Church in Chicago, witnessing for the Lord. From that

point her life was filled with serving Jesus. She served faithfully in EE for seven years, leading people to Christ. At the same time she served as editor of the church newspaper.

In 2006 she became a Charter member of Grace Bible Church of Mineral Point, where she's been active for 18 years.

Barbe is survived by her husband Jim, her daughter Shannon (Steven) Badger, her son John (Aimee) Kackley, grandsons Ben, Mick, A.J., Noah and Tim Badger, granddaughters Rho Kackley, Becki (Marnocha), Abri (Nordine), Miriam and Anna Badger, grandsons-in-law Jesse Marnocha, Matt Nordine, and Caleb Owens and granddaughter-in-law Samantha Badger, great grandsons Chi, Remi, and Nate Marnocha, great granddaughters Mickie and Lia Marnocha and Niah and Allie Nordine.

Barbe is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Miriam Ellis, her sister Marty Savage, and her granddaughter Sarah (Badger) Owens.

A Celebration of Life for Barbe will be held Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm at GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, 1200 Betty Lane, Mineral Point.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the charity of your choice or to Grace Bible Church (www.graceisagift.com) or Jews for Jesus (www.jewsforjesus.org)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Bible Church
1200 Betty Lane
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I just heard this news today. I'm so sorry. Barbe was a bright spirit in Mineral Point and she and Jim have made many valuable contributions to the culture of the city. Our condolences to Jim and family.

Jim & Sharon Stroschein - February 10, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara E. Kackley.



February 07, 2024 at 10:20 AM

SA

“ Barb was so warm. I know she'll be missed. So sorry to hear this. Praying for you all.
Sarah and Marcis Davidson

Sarah - February 06, 2024 at 02:49 PM

LS

“ Barb was a spark of life!.She shared with me her beautiful scrap books her father had created during her years over seas as a child.Spoke highly of her loved ones who all meant so much to her.Barb was strong, kind and full of energy, always had a big smile. I am sorry for your loss, I will miss her.



Lori Seyfferth - February 05, 2024 at 09:49 PM

DN

“ *I loved Barbe very much, and will miss her dearly for a long, long time.*

She was a wonderfully intelligent, kind, and deeply caring woman who had a love for our Lord, studying scripture, and sharing her insight. My life has been very much enriched by Barbe's loving friendship.

Barbe had deep respect & love for her husband and was a firm, loving guide & example of a faithful Christian woman to her large family. Barbe's love of God, and her family, showed in everything. She was always...a lady.

I am so very thankful to have known Barbe, and will miss her dearly.

DN

Donna Nelson - February 05, 2024 at 09:39 PM