



## Suzanne M. Barr

January 18, 1943 - May 9, 2022

Dodgeville – Suzanne M. Barr, age 79, of Dodgeville, died on Monday, May 9, 2022 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Madison, with her family by her side.

She was born on January 18, 1943 in Prairie du Chien, a daughter of the late Eugene and Marjorie (Chapman) Mergen. She graduated from Bloomington High School in 1961 and on July 12, 1961, she married her high school sweetheart Thomas Barr at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Glen Haven, Wisconsin and just celebrated their 60th Anniversary. She worked at the Dodgeville School District as Assistant Librarian and in the kitchen for over 30 years.

Mom enjoyed spending time with her family and spending lots of time in the kitchen. Everyone loved her baking and couldn’t get enough. She loved decorating and made every holiday special with her finishing touches. Mom loved to shop and collected dolls, precious moments and other things over the years. Mom loved flower shopping with dad and loved her garden and bird watching. Mom especially enjoyed her Door County vacations with her family. She was loved by so many and I’ve been told was like a second mom to many. Her heart was so big.

Sue is survived by her husband of 60 years Tom; her children Jeff Barr of Dodgeville and Dana (Gary) Steinke of Elk River, MNI; her grandchildren

Noah, Nic and Caden Pennekamp; her special niece Jennifer (Jeremy) Pennekamp; her siblings Jill (Tom) Erthum of Bloomington, Jack (Mary) Mergen of Muscatine, Iowa and Dan Mergen of Maquoketa, Iowa; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant son Steven Barr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Saturday at the church. Burial will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery in Bloomington.

A special thank you to Mike Orr for going above and beyond for Sue and her family. Also thank you to Dodgeville Ambulance Service, Upland Hills Health, St. Mary's Hospital and SSM Hospice for their care of Mom and especially Dr. Jodi McGraw.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Bloomington, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home  
400 East Grace Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-5222  
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

## Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
405 S. Dacotah Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
405 S. Dacotah Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533



# Tribute Wall



“ *Suzanne M. Barr*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Condolences to Tom and the family. Sue and I attended school together from the first grade in Glen Haven all the way through high school. She was always a sweet and caring kid! May she rest in peace.*

**Bob Schildgen** - May 17, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *I went to Dodgeville High School with Jeff. My heartfelt sympathy to you and the rest of your family.*

**Rose Marie (Brokish) Dunbar** - May 16, 2022 at 07:19 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Gunther and Crystal Straubhaar*

**Gunther and Crystal Straubhaar** - May 14, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *Many memories from HS when I was on the Cross Country Team with Jeff and Ronny Lewis and we would go over to the Barr house and hang out after practice. Sue and Tom were always fun to be around! Sorry for your loss of a wonderful mother and wife!!*

*Tim Whitford*

**Tim Whitford** - May 13, 2022 at 08:12 AM

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“ *Tim and Rhonda Whitford Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Suzanne M. Barr.*



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**Tim and Rhonda Whitford Family** - May 13, 2022 at 08:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Suzanne M. Barr.*



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May 12, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Suzanne M. Barr.*



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May 12, 2022 at 04:33 PM

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“ *Thinking of you all during this difficult time.*

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**Penny McConnell** - May 12, 2022 at 09:20 AM

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“ *Dear Jeff Barr & Family so sorry to hear your mother passed away. Rip*

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**Gary & Cheryl Richmond** - May 11, 2022 at 09:20 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Suzanne M. Barr.*



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May 11, 2022 at 08:21 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Sue's passing. She is in heaven with Jesus and the angles. Stay strong Tom.*

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**Elizabeth Myers** - May 11, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *I remember visiting Tom and Sue when I was just a little girl staying with my sis Sharlot and bro-in law Bob while they lived in Bloomington. Such a long time ago, but the Barr's have been part of my family since I was just 4 years old. So sorry to hear of Sue's passing. I know she is resting in the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ. She will be greatly missed!*

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**Billie J Anderson** - May 11, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Suzanne M. Barr.*



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May 11, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Suzanne M. Barr.



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May 11, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Suzanne M. Barr.



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May 11, 2022 at 12:05 PM