



# Barbara Karakachos

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**O**reana-Barbara Karakachos, 89, of Oreana, IL, passed away Thursday, April 7, 2016.

Barb was born September 12, 1926, in Danville, IL, the daughter of Louis and Vernela (Ringler) Felgenhauer. She married John T. Karakachos Sr. on October 6, 1946, in Danville, IL, and they shared 61 wonderful years together. John preceded her in death on March 14, 2008.

Barb spent many years volunteering. Her favorites were the 23 years running the Youth League concession stand, and the 25 years volunteering as office help for the Argenta-Oreana schools.

She had the best three sisters from Danville, IL, and the best neighbors in Oreana, IL. She loved telling stories about them all. She always said, "Imagine how wonderful this world would be if everyone loved each other" and that is exactly how she lived her life.

Our mom was a constant inspiration to all of us. We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful and caring friendships they had with her. All her friends and family helped in making her life so blessed and special.

Barb leaves behind her son, John Karakachos Jr. and wife Chana of Decatur, IL; daughters, Kathy Charron and husband Wayne of Oreana, IL; Becky Karakachos and Mark Cox of Oreana, IL; sisters, Betty Palmer of Danville, IL; Cheryl Denton and husband Danny of Danville, IL; grandchildren, Sean, Danny, Missy, Jeremy, Nikki, Beau, Buffi; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John; parents; and sister, Margaret Downing.

The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, 2016, at the Argenta-Oreana High School. In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Barb may be made to Grandma Barb's Gifts, a fund created by the Argenta-Oreana High



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The family of Barbara Karakachos is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, IL 62526. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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JH

**Jeanne Grubbs Hart** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Barbara Karakachos

April 11 at 9:14 AM

VH

**Vickie Hiser** posted:

thoughts and prayer are with the family

April 10 at 6:40 AM

KM

**Kim Michener** posted:

My mother and Barb were in the PTA together when I was in grade school and I remember many long (but fun) nights at the school doing fund raisers. But I am most grateful that I really got to know Barb when I became an adult through the youth league. It was such a joy to work with her. She had such a heart for children. I can't count how many times I saw Barb reach in her pocket and give a child her own money because they didn't have enough to get a treat at the concession. It was an honor to call Barb and John my friends. I'm sure there must have been a great reunion as she took the step from this life to the next. I hope you will allow me the pleasure of saying, Well Done Barb! Well Done! You will be greatly missed! Kim Michener

April 9 at 6:40 PM

NC

**Nancy And Marshall Conway** posted:

A wonderful lady and a special neighbor. May you rest in peace.

April 9 at 4:15 PM

ST

**Sue Tate** posted:

John and Barbara were the best neighbors and what a great cook she was! Loved her Baklava and the spaghetti sauce she made by the gallons. Her laugh was infectious. Prayers for the family for comfort and peace. Sue Austin Tate, Trophy Club, TX

April 9 at 3:24 PM



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MD

**Mary Fairweather Dexter** posted:

All of the Karakachoses were such wonderful neighbors when we lived behind them. She will be truly missed. Thoughts are with Kathy and Becky.

April 9 at 7:50 AM

BN

**Betty Neff** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed when she came to Danville & met for lunch. We enjoyed the stories they shared with us. She will be missed, but never forgotten. Love to All, Bob & Betty Anne ( Geades) Neff

April 8 at 5:01 PM

CH

**Connie(Howe) Holmes** posted:

Barb was a bearing loving and caring woman to all, especially to the children. Her love of family and our community shined through everything she did. She will be missed by all who she touched in their lives. Thank you Barb for all you've done. RIP and give Lonnie a big hug for me. Love Connie

April 8 at 3:57 PM

MC

**Mary Cook** posted:

Yes, she was the favorite aunt. Love to all the family as she and Uncle John were the very best.

April 8 at 11:46 AM

MK

**Melissa Karakachos** posted:

My Grandma....she was such a blessing in all our lives, she loved everyone equally. The memory of my Grandma will live in my heart till the day I die, she was such a treasure! You will be missed grandma, I love you...

April 8 at 8:56 AM



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**Kim Moore** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Although I did not know her well I know firsthand what wonderful kids she raised. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Deepest condolences to all of you.  
Kim and Dave Moore

April 8 at 7:27 AM



**Ronda Griffith** posted:

Aunt Barb. Most favorite aunt in our entire family!! I was jealous that Kathy & Becky has you for their MoM. Be at Peace now, back with Uncle John. I bet my mom & dad aren't too far from him.  
NUMBERS 6:24-26

April 8 at 5:46 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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