



# Barbara "Barb" Blakey

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## **Barbara "Barb" Blakey**

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**B**arbara Louise (Long) Blakey passed away peacefully on July 6, 2024 at St. Joh's Hospital in Springfield IL.

She was born October 24, 1957, in Decatur, IL to Ashley and Mabel (Williams) Long. She grew up on the family farm near Mt. Auburn, IL and graduated from Mt. Auburn High School in 1975. She furthered her education at Lincoln Land Community College, graduating in 1977, then from Eastern Illinois University in 1979 with a degree in Therapeutic Recreation.

Barb worked for several years with the Decatur Park District as Supervisor of Therapeutic Recreation and as Area Director for Special Olympics before joining DOVE, Inc. In 1994. She served in many capacities at DOVE, retiring in April of this year as Director of Volunteers and Community Relations. Barb worked behind the scenes with many of DOVE's missions, but her pet project was the annual coat drive. Through her efforts, many children had a warmer winter than they would have, thanks to the coat drive.

Beyond her work in the community, Barb served several church congregations in any capacities of leadership from Sunday School teacher to serving on the music board. She enriched the congregation she served with steadfast dedication and an eye for detail.

On June 24, 1989, Barb married Doug Blakey. They had two sons, Adam (Jade) and Phillip. She also is survived by her granddaughter, June Margaret; sister, Jane Long and brother, Mike Long. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Karen Montgomery and Susan Tracy.

Services to celebrate Barb's life will be held at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur on Wednesday, July 17 at 12pm with visitation prior to the service from 10am to 12pm. Burial will be set upon a later date.



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In Lieu of flowers, donations to honor Barb's memory can be directed to DOVE, Inc. 302 South Union St. Decatur IL 62522

Condolences can be left for Barb's family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



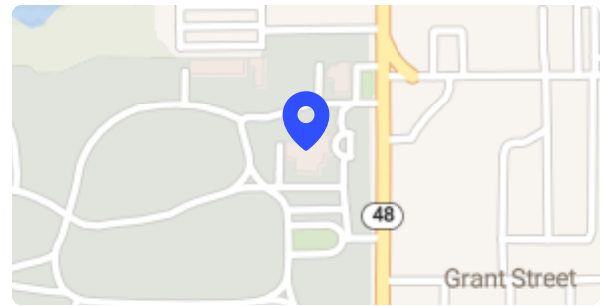
# Events

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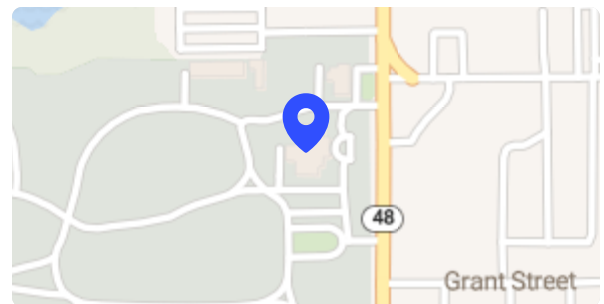
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, July 17, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**  
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



## Celebration of Life

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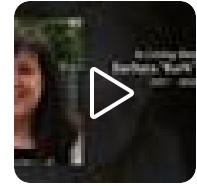
# Tribute Wall

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**Graceland Fairlawn** shared a **Video**.



July 15 at 6:34 AM



**Nancy Goff** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Barb & I were good friends once upon a time. We met in college and later worked together at DPD. We shared many laughs and good times. My heart goes out to her family.



July 20 at 8:44 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Blakey family.



July 16 at 7:25 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Blakey family.



July 15 at 9:54 AM



**Lori Smith** posted:

Barb was an amazing lady. I worked with her at Dove years ago and she always went out of her way to help me with everything. Your family is in my prayers.

July 15 at 5:07 AM



**Lori Smith** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

Lori Smith lit a candle in memory of Barbara Blakey



July 15 at 5:04 AM



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**Your Wlc Management Firm Family** sent a Solar Angel Statue to Send as Unique Sympathy Gift Remembrance to the Blakey family.

July 13 at 3:34 AM



**Your Wlc Management Firm Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barbara.

July 13 at 3:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Blakey family.

July 12 at 10:20 AM



**Osberville Grain Elevator** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barbara.

July 12 at 10:20 AM





## Media

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Leaving after weekend of EIU Homecoming



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

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



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