



Barbara R. Duslak

June 20, 1948 - June 9, 2019

Barbara Rabiej Duslak, 70, of Chicago passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 9th.

She was born in London, the daughter of Alojzy Rabiej and Helena Rabiej. She came to the United States as a small child, and was a graduate of The University of Illinois. She received her degree in 1970 and specialized in biochemistry.

She was a proud supporter of the Polish community, and enjoyed yoga, meditation, and gardening.

Surviving are a son, Mark Paul Duslak, a daughter-in-law, Nicole Duslak, a grandson Avery Duslak and granddaughter, Julia Duslak, all of Fruitland Park, Florida. Also surviving is a brother, John Rabiej of North Carolina, brothers and sisters-in law, and nieces and nephews. She was particularly close to Richard "Rick" Duslak, who was the identical twin of her husband, Robert "Bob" Duslak, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a brother, "Andy" Duslak.

Friends may attend from 2:00-3:00 on Saturday, June 15th at the Barr Funeral Home, 6222 N. Broadway, Chicago. A service will be held at Barr at 3:00, and friends and family are invited back to the home afterward for a celebration of life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peterson Garden Project.

<https://publicgood.com/org/peterson-garden-project-inc>

Events

JUN **Memorial Gathering** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Barr Funeral Home

6222 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL, US, 60660

JUN **Memorial Celebration** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ I met Barb about five years ago as she gardened in her front lawn and I was walking to the train. I stopped to tell her I loved her house, and before I knew it we were deep in conversation. About two weeks later we went to breakfast, and the rest was history.

Barb and I went on many adventures in our friendship, and before long she became a mother figure to me. Barb helped care for my son Samih and she did an incredible job. Whenever I came home he had a huge grin on his face and Barb did too. I'm forever grateful to her.

Today, I care for her garden plot at the Peterson Garden Project. I take enormous pride and gratitude in this. Everyday Sam and I visit it and water and watch it grow. I know part of Barb's energy still grows through those plants, and so I honor and covet this precious time with her.

If anyone would like to visit her plot, I'm sure she'd love that. Please just email me and we can see if it can work out.

Cpilgeram@hotmail.com

casey - July 02 at 09:43 PM



“ Barb was a vibrant woman of passion and intelligence. She had quite the inner strength that carried her through some tough times. Her presence will be missed everywhere that she went.

Mickey - June 14 at 02:00 PM



“ Melody, Cameron, and Andrew purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Barbara R. Duslak.



Melody, Cameron, and Andrew - June 14 at 12:15 PM



“ I have to add that Barb shared an intense love of nature and gardening. The Peterson Garden Project has been a great organization to teach us about sustainability! Glad to see that as a preference for donations!

Lise k gorajski - June 13 at 04:34 PM



“ Barb had one of the biggest hearts of anyone I've known - she was always giving. Our friendship spanned 45 years of many laughs as well as some tears. A memory I will always cherish is our trip (adventure) to New York City where Barb had the opportunity to see her family inscription on the Ellis Island wall of immigrants. That was an amazing emotional experience.

Lise k gorajski - June 13 at 04:26 PM



“ Barb, you and Bob were anchors at our investment club meetings and social gatherings. We loved to discuss gardening strategies and tips with you for many years; and in the early days, Bob was a tour de force on the ball field and basketball court before we would retreat to Lou Malnati's or Gulliver's to refuel and refresh. Those were the days. Miss you guys. Thanks for your friendship.
Bill & Gina Meyer

Bill Meyer - June 13 at 04:08 PM



“ Barbara, thank you so much for your kindness and friendship. You and Bob helped us raise our son Nick while we lived upstairs for ten years. I have often driven past on my way through the neighborhood and admired your garden, hoping that I would see you out front digging in the dirt making the place beautiful. So many great memories, rest in peace.

Fred, Monica and Nick Brown

Frederick Brown - June 13 at 11:35 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara R. Duslak.



June 12 at 11:04 PM



“ Thank you, dear Barb, for your many kindnesses. I will always remember you. My condolences to her family, friends, neighbors, classmates and gardeners.

Natasha - June 12 at 05:08 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara R. Duslak.



June 12 at 02:11 PM