



## Karen Basten

April 9, 1959 - May 4, 2019

Karen (Kruger) Basten, born April 9, 1959, of Chicago passed away peacefully on May 4th, after a short illness. She was the beloved wife of Barry Basten of Chicago IL. Loving sister of Amy Rivotto (Brian), Eric Kruger (Maureen) and Christopher Kruger (Erin). Also survived by her mother-in-law Jane Basten, brothers and sisters in law Pam & Robert Gray, Rick & Nancy Basten, Betsy & Paul Spokas, and numerous nieces and nephews. Karen was predeceased by her parents Robert and Margaret Kruger and her brother Robert Kruger Jr.

Karen was born in Albany New York but spent most of her childhood in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. There Karen excelled in swimming, skiing, and was a talented artist. Karen graduated from Catherine McAuley High School in 1977 and from Siena College in 1981 with a degree in finance. She worked in the Reinsurance Industry, beginning her career in New York City, moving to Orange County, CA before ultimately settling in Chicago IL.

Karen loved spending time with her extended family and friends. She became an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. She embraced life on the shores of Lake Michigan with Barry, and looked forward to her ice fishing trips in Wisconsin.

A memorial service will be held for Karen on Saturday May 18 at the Barr Funeral Home in Chicago. Karen will be laid to rest in Albany, New York with her parents at a future date



# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Barr Funeral Home  
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Chicago, IL 60660  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Basten*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Hello,  
I just wanted to express my condolences to the family. May God  
give you comfort during this difficult time. Isaiah 25:8*

**BLM** - June 01, 2019 at 05:57 PM



“ *Barry, We are so sorry that we missed the memorial for Karen. We  
didn't know it. We all really enjoyed Karen, she was always so  
happy and fun to be around. The pictures you have put together are  
great. Our most sincere sympathy to you. Love, Marianne, Nancy,  
John and Tom and our families*

**Marianne Pigott** - May 20, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ *Lisa Lipkin lit a candle in memory of Karen  
Basten*



**lisa lipkin** - May 17, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Karen Basten.



May 17, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Karen Basten.



May 17, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ *19 files added to the album Karen*



**Barry Basten** - May 16, 2019 at 04:38 PM

BB

“ Barry Basten purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen Basten.



Barry Basten - May 16, 2019 at 04:16 PM

EM

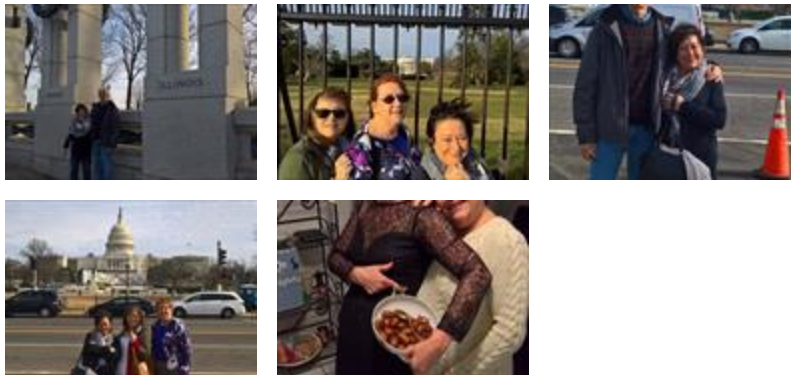
“ Edsal Manufacturing purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Karen Basten.



Edsal Manufacturing - May 16, 2019 at 04:11 PM

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“ 81 files added to the album Karen



Barry - May 16, 2019 at 02:25 PM

JF

“ Jane Basten and Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Karen Basten.



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**Jane Basten and Family** - May 15, 2019 at 01:49 PM

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“ Times like these can be hard. But Gods words can offer comfort . In Revelation 21:4 mentions , " And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." God offers us a better future. Phi 4: 6-7 , “Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God; 7and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus.”  
I hope this will console your family in time of need .I



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**J.Fuentes** - May 11, 2019 at 05:17 PM