



Barbara J. Hardebeck

July 8, 1948 - February 20, 2026

Barbara J. Hardebeck, 77, of Naples, Florida, died unexpectedly on Friday, February 20, 2026, at her residence.

Born on July 8, 1948, in Lafayette, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Raymond J. Sondgeroth and Maxine R. (née Walter) Sondgeroth. After spending her life in Benton County, Indiana, Barbara and her husband retired to Southwest Florida in 2014.

After graduating from high school, Barbara married the love of her life, John “Paul” Hardebeck and devoted herself to being a wife, mother, and homemaker. In 1983, she returned to the workforce as an office manager at Earl Park’s and Boswell’s grain elevators and later at Newton County REMC. After retirement, Barbara enjoyed accompanying her husband on business trips, cherishing the time they spent together and the places they were able to see.

A devout Catholic, Barbara was a faithful parishioner of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Earl Park, Indiana. She and her family attended Mass faithfully there until she later moved to Florida, where she continued to live out her strong and abiding faith.

In Florida, she was a devoted member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic

Church, and her faith was the cornerstone of her life. She attended daily Mass and served her parish community as an usher, Eucharistic Minister, led the Rosary at daily Mass, cared for the church candles, and enjoyed serving breakfast on Wednesday mornings. Her commitment to her church family was a true reflection of her servant's heart.

Barbara is survived by her two cherished daughters, Joy A. Jannasch (Scott) of Naples, Florida, and Paula Balensiefer (Eugene) of Tipton, Indiana; her mother, Maxine R. Sondgeroth of Dunnington, Indiana; and her seven siblings, Carol Hay, Joseph Sondgeroth (Romelle), Steve Sondgeroth (Bonnie), Shirley Hinkle, Dennis Sondgeroth (Cheryl), Kevin Sondgeroth (Margot), and Jennifer Turner and daughter-in-law, Joan Sondgeroth (the late Ken Sondgeroth). She also leaves behind her five beloved grandchildren, Joseph Balensiefer (Jen), Jacob Balensiefer (Chelsie), Ash Jannasch, Ellen Hernley (Seth), and Cory Jannasch (Katie); and her treasured great-grandchildren, Alice, Simon, Luke, Sadie, and Arthur Balensiefer.

She was preceded in death by her father Raymond J. Sondgeroth; her two brothers, Ken Sondgeroth and infant Patrick Sondgeroth; and her husband, John "Paul" Hardebeck, who passed away on March 5, 2015.

Coinciding with the eleventh anniversary of her husband's passing, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. The Rosary will be led at 9:30 a.m. prior to the Mass. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Center, and all are welcome to attend. The Mass will be livestreamed and may be viewed at any time at <https://sjecc.org/mass-livestream/>.

Additional services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Earl Park, Indiana. The Rosary will begin

at 9:30 a.m. prior to the Mass. Following the Mass, she will be laid to rest at Earl Park Catholic Cemetery, beside her husband. A funeral dinner will follow the burial at St John the Baptist Church Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please offer a Mass for the repose of Barbara's soul at your local parish or <https://www.atonementfriars.org/spiritual-greeting-cards/>

To sign Barbara's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Elk Park Catholic Cemetery

Elk Park, IN

Previous Events

Rosary Service

MAR 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Thank you so much for making it possible to join you by livestream for the beautiful funeral for a beautiful lady. My thoughts and prayers have been with all of you, Joy and Paula, and all your family. I miss the days when you were all back in Earl Park. Your mom was an example to all of us in her love and faith in the Lord. She will be missed by all who knew her. Love and prayers, Janet (Hasser) Barnard

Janet (Hasser) Barnard - March 05 at 11:05 AM

JB

“ Joan, Kayla & Mike, Kendra & Brian purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara J. Hardebeck.



Joan, Kayla & Mike, Kendra & Brian - March 04 at 09:40 AM

KB

“ The following is a tribute that I wrote and posted on Facebook about my feelings and relationship with Barbara. She was a beautiful soul. She touched my heart my spirit, and I was very grateful that she never stopped. She consoled me when my mother passed. And a few other moments. She was a heart full individual that cared about others. I miss Barbara...as I miss her morning text.

Posted on FB...

With a heavy heart...I share with you...My neighbor Barbara passed away this afternoon.

She text me every morning...@ 6:30.

She was my weekday church friend Sometimes I actually went with her... whether I did or not..she still invited me every morning...it was her commitment to me & to my faith.

She touched my life in the process...

This was our last text exchange.

Life is precious...make a note.

She was a beautiful soul.

RIP Beautiful Barbara...

Kevin Bugbee - March 02 at 12:57 PM

ML

“ Barbara, you were a treasure to our church! You gave...and gave! From Lead Ushering, to changing out our candle racks AND even taking candle glasses home to be cleaned of wax, to leading the daily Chaplet of Divine Mercy and meditative Rosary...to showing your heartfelt care and interest for all who happened to cross your path. I was privileged to first get to know you through your dedicated service to visiting our Homebound parishioners and bringing them the Eucharist. You were always a welcoming charming, holy lady! I believe you are In Heaven! Be at Peace in Our Lord's Kingdom. We love you!

Mary Lou - March 01 at 08:41 PM

DS

“ It was through Barbara that I learned true Marian devotion in the Rosary. I am forever grateful for how she touched my life as I know she touched many lives. Her family continues to be in my prayers.

DeChelle Summers - March 01 at 10:02 AM

CD

“ Barbara was a true blessing in my life. I will miss her check-in texts and her beautiful spirit and faith. She was such a dedicated parishioner and volunteer at St. John the Evangelist. She will be greatly missed by all of us. I will think of her with great love whenever I say a Rosary.

Colleen Donnelly - February 28 at 10:15 PM

ML

Sorrowful condolences to Barbara's family. She will be in my prayers. She was a kind and gentle soul. And will be missed at St. John, the Evangelist .

Millie lucanegro - March 01 at 08:08 PM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Barbs daughters and her family and friends. Barb was a dear friend who always reached out to check on me to see how I was doing. We lived two miles away from each other in Indiana and then in Florida we lived about the same distance. I had just had a great visit with her on Sunday for two hours. Talking about friends up north and her service jobs at church. In the conversation she said “I’m ready when my time comes” I will forever remember our last visit only 5 days before the Lord came to take Barb to her eternity. She felt and looked so good that day, but we never know when we will meet our Lord. She was a beautiful lady inside and out and I will forever cherish our friendship. RIP Barb.

Maryrose Schellenberger - February 28 at 11:46 AM

NM

I am so sorry to hear about your Aunt Barbara, Kasey! I do remember her from one of your families' "get togethers". I'm sure it was your dad's birthday party at the Jennings county farm. She was very nice! Prayers for your family and especially for your Grandmother! We love you all! ❤️



Nub and Peggy Mellencamp - March 01 at 05:54 PM

NC

“ *Barbara was a true blessing to all of us at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples. She always served with a smile and her devout faith inspired so many and strengthened the faith of those around her. May she rest in peace now with Jesus. She will be greatly missed. ❤️🙏*

Natalie Campbell - February 28 at 11:43 AM

RW

“ *I met Barbara..at Saint John Church...praying the rosary. She was a kind, caring person with a strong religious faith. She was a wonderful friend with a gentle heart. I will miss her& think of her often especially when I say the rosary! Ray Wilkinson*

Ray Wilkinson - February 28 at 11:26 AM