



Barbara J. Seitz de Martinez

September 6, 1948 - January 1, 2018

Barbara J. Seitz de Martinez, 69, of Bloomington passed away Monday, January 1, 2018 at the IU Health Hospice House with her husband by her side.

She was born on September 6, 1948 in Rockingham North Carolina the daughter of John Russell and Edith (Smith) Seitz. Barbara was a 1966 graduate of Racine High School in Racine, Michigan, she also received her bachelors degree at a University in Chicago, IL and she received her in PHD in Ethnomusicology from Indiana University. Barbara was the Deputy Executive Director, head Librarian and Director of GIS and Hispanic/Latino Projects with areas of expertise in cultural studies, Spanish, GIS, database and web design at the Indiana Prevention Resource Center in Bloomington. She was a member of St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and attended St Paul's Catholic Church in Bloomington, she was President of Bloomington Posoltega Sister Cities International, and Indiana University Alumni. Barbara enjoyed music, reading, writing, walking, exercising and working, she also loved her family and spending time with her boys, husband, friend and extended family. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her. Barbara is survived by her husband; Guillermo Antonio Martinez Molina of Bloomington, two sons; Nathaniel Briggs of Foster City, California, and Solomon Briggs of Bloomington, her father; John Russell Seitz of Rockingham, NC, one brother Paul Seitz of MO. Her mother Edith (Smith) Seitz preceded her in death.

A funeral mass will be held at 1:00pm Friday, January 5, 2018 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Bloomington, with Father John Meany officiating. Visitation will be held from 12:00pm to service time Friday, January 5, 2018 at the church. Cremation Rites have been accorded. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

West 4th Street
Bloomington, IN 47401

Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest condolences to Barbara’s dear family. I will never forget Barbara’s kindness, generosity, brilliant intellect and ceaseless efforts to improve life for the people around her. It didn’t matter if someone was sitting across the table from her or on another continent, Barbara would quietly do whatever she could to help someone in need in any way. Whether organizing a massive aid project, or simply offering a kind word, Barbara would promote kindness and goodness as best she could. I’m sure her spirit continues to do the same from her heavenly home.*

Carolyn Gonzalez - November 25, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ *Thinking of Barbara. We were neighbors in Bloomington. Our sons were friends.*

Brenda Smith - August 22, 2018 at 03:53 PM



“ *Nicaragua,
especialmente posoltega hoy te dice adiós, un adiós de muchos recuerdos, donde tu dejastes una huella imborrable en nuestros corazones.
Eres y serás la más linda estrella del universo.
Cada día que pase será para recordarte.
Bárbara te recordaremos por siempre
Condolencias para toda la fam. a sus hijos y esposo Guillermo Martinez.*

Descansa en paz. Dña Bárbara.

Doris López - January 05, 2018 at 06:08 PM



“ *Desde Nicaragua
Tierra que recibió con los brazos abiertos a esta insigne y bella
Dama. Dña Bárbara.
Reciban nuestras más sinceras condolencias , especialmente a sus
hijos y su esposo Guillermo Martinez y resto de fam.
Bárbara, vivirás por siempre en los corazones de quienes te
conocimos y te amamos.
Te recordaré con esa bella sonrisa, ese amor por el prójimo, una
Dama bella y noble..
Q, D, E, P. BARBARA, . Esto no es un adiós , si no un hasta luego*

Doris López - January 05, 2018 at 05:52 PM

SD

“ *Barbara and I worked together at the Prevention Resource Center
years ago. She was a good friend and amazing person who loved
her family so much! I was shocked to see that she had passed
away. My sympathy to her family- she will be so missed!*

Susan Diamond - January 04, 2018 at 10:52 PM

SA

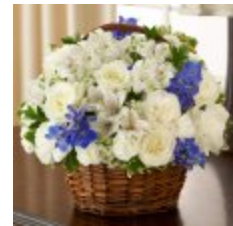
“ Barbara was one of the kindest, most generous and sweetest people I have known. She had such a warm heart and such a passion for giving, caring, and making better the lives of others. I will always admire her determination in life for making a difference in the world and she certainly did make a difference in this world. She transformed the lives of many people including myself. I am forever grateful to her for the dear friendship and love she gave to me and my family over the years and for the experiences she helped me gain which contributed to the job I have now, the children I have now and the relationships and friendships I will forever cherish. Thank you, Barbara. You will be greatly missed and loved forever.

Shirin

Shirin Ansari - January 04, 2018 at 04:23 PM

PC

“ Posoltega Committee of Bloomington Sister Cities purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Barbara J. Seitz de Martinez.



Posoltega Committee of Bloomington Sister Cities - January 04, 2018 at 03:28 PM

FA

“ Familia Ansari purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Barbara J. Seitz de Martinez.



Familia Ansari - January 04, 2018 at 02:41 PM



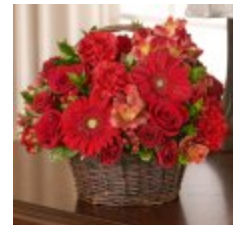
“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Seitz de Martinez.*



January 04, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ *Division of Mental Health and Addiction Prevention purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Barbara J. Seitz de Martinez.*



Division of Mental Health and Addiction Prevention - January 04, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Seitz de Martinez.*



January 04, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *Guillermo, Sol and Nate, you have my deepest sympathy. Barbara was a wonderful person and a great neighbor. Joining her on a trip to Posoltega in 1999 was one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. I will miss her.*

Steve Hinnefeld - January 04, 2018 at 11:24 AM

JA

“ Barbara always made time to ask about life, family and hobbies. She was a caring and nurturing colleague and never hesitated to offer help, guidance, and kind support. She was a pillar of the research, data and prevention workforce and her work is highly esteemed. I'll miss Barbara's friendly demeanor and generosity. Prayers to her family to find peace at this time.

Jasynda Radanovich

Jasynda - January 04, 2018 at 10:41 AM


Courtney
Stewart

“ Barbara was one of the kindest, most patient and most understanding people I've had the pleasure and privilege to work with. She had such energy and was always on the go doing something related to work. You are missed!

Courtney Stewart - January 04, 2018 at 09:16 AM

JE

“ Barbara was a very special person. I truly never heard a cross word or negative thought cross her lips. Her kindness was unmatched. I'm lucky to have been a member of her work family for 17 years. The world is a bit darker and she'll be sorely missed.

Jeanie - January 03, 2018 at 08:45 PM

JP

I was a friend of Barbara's when we were both in grad school at Indiana. I don't know what directed me to look this up, but I shall never forget her kindness and sense of adventure. I wish I had kept in touch.

jayne r beilke, phd - December 22, 2020 at 05:52 PM