



Barbara K. Branham

April 9, 1949 - June 19, 2016

Barbara K. Branham, 67, of Louisiana, passed away Sunday, June 19th at DePaul Hospital in St. Louis after a brief illness due to a brain aneurysm. A celebration of Barbara's life will be held at the Elk's Club at 120 N. 5th Street, Louisiana, MO on Saturday, June 25th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Barbara was born April 9, 1949, the daughter of August and Betty Artus. She attended Louisiana High School and Christian College in Columbia, MO. She later in life returned to college, and graduated from Central Missouri University in Warrensburg with a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design.

On July 10, 1999 she married Gary Branham of Louisiana, and he survives. Barbara is also survived by a brother, Michael Artus of Hannibal, a son, Mark Smith, of Clarksville, a daughter, Kelly Akers and husband Jim, of Louisiana, and two grandsons, Alex Smith of Long Beach, CA and C.R. Akers of Quincy, IL.

Barbara loved being outdoors, and was an avid gardener. She was never happier than when she was busy with a woodworking project, a hand-made gift for a friend, or a remodeling project around the house. She is loved and will be missed greatly by her family and friends.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Elks Lodge
120 N. 5th St.
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara K. Branham*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Barbara K. Branham*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *My sympathy to her family.*

Raymond miller Class of 67 - June 25, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ *I've known both Barb since I can remember. She truly was one of the sweetest ladies I know. Beautiful inside and out! Mark and Kelly sure take after their momma*💕

Viki Cadwallader - June 24, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *Barbara was a very active member of the Class of 1967 at LHS! She was a great cheerleader for our sporting teams. She was a leader in our class and we had many fun times together. A group of us had bunking parties and those memories still bring a smile to me. She was always artistic and excelled in making craft projects. Barbara was a great person and friend, and she will be missed as we approach our 50th reunion from LHS. My sympathy goes out to the family!*
Pat Biggerstaff

Pat Biggerstaff - June 23, 2016 at 10:53 PM

MB

“ Michele Bates lit a candle in memory of Barbara K. Branham



Michele Bates - June 23, 2016 at 07:24 PM

KL

“ Sending sympathy to the Branham family, Barb was a wonderful person ready with a smile. She will be greatly missed



Kathy Lesley-Smith - June 23, 2016 at 08:57 AM

KR

“ Became best friends as soon as Artus's moved to Louisiana-we were 10! Spent all free time together spending nights at each other's houses and going on vacations with each other's families. Even started Christian together. Couldn't have asked for a better friend and my memories of our time together are wonderful 🙏

Kitty Schmitt Rogers - June 22, 2016 at 06:17 PM

JA

“ Barb was like a second mother to me.. Growing up she always made sure us kids had something to do... Whether it was swimming at Rennecker, float trips, shopping at the Quincy Mall. She always had something fun for us to do.... Her daughter Kelly and son Mark have always been part of our family and we will never forget all that we used to do...Love this family so much.

Jamie - June 22, 2016 at 02:11 PM

MM

“ *Barb was a beautiful person inside and out! My heart aches for her family. I was blessed to have known Barb.*
Mary Millan

Mary Millan - June 22, 2016 at 07:13 AM

Roni Bryant

“ *Roni Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara K. Branham*



Roni Bryant - June 22, 2016 at 03:14 AM

GH

“ *I worked with her at Kroger. .my heart is sad. .Gloria Warren Harrington*

Gloria Harrington - June 21, 2016 at 09:29 PM

Karma Gaw

“ *Barb was always happy and full of life. She will be missed.*
Karma Gaw.
Ed Gaw



Karma Gaw - June 21, 2016 at 07:48 PM

MS

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Jim Shade lit a candle in memory of Barbara K. Branham*



Mr. & Mrs. Jim Shade - June 21, 2016 at 07:06 PM

CG

“ *Prayers and comfort to Gary Lynn and Barb's family.*

Connie Ince Godsil

Connie Ince Godsil - June 21, 2016 at 05:19 PM

LJ

I've known Barb for a very long time & she's always been the sweetest lady. Prayers for Gary & the family.

laura johnmeyer - June 22, 2016 at 11:37 AM