



Barbara J Brands

March 21, 1929 - December 23, 2023

Barbara Brands was born on March 21, 1929, in Melrose Park, Illinois to Richard and Lydia (Kuhlman) Gosch. She was baptized on March 31, 1929, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Melrose Park, Illinois and confirmed on April 18, 1943. She married Willis N. Brands on May 22, 1948, at St. John Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake and remained an active member of that church for over the next seventy years. They had three children. Cynthia of Plainfield, Illinois, William of Sedona, Arizona, and John now deceased.

Barbara worked for Farmers State Bank from 1962 to March 1994. After retirement, she volunteered at the Beecher Community Library and Vacation Bible School at St. John Lutheran Church where she also served on the altar guild and sang in the choir. She will always be remembered as a loving mother for her three children, loving grandmother for her seven grandchildren, and loving great grandmother for her twelve great grandchildren.

"CUBS WIN"

Burial will be at the St. John Cemetery on Friday, December 29, 2023.
Memorials may be given to Peace Lutheran Church,

Funeral directions are under the Hack-Jensen Funeral Home in Beecher

Cemetery Details

St John Cemetery Eagle Lake

28054 S Yates Ave
Beecher, IL 60401

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

Peace Lutheran (Eagle Lake Campus)

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM.

Peace Lutheran (Eagle Lake Campus)

Tribute Wall

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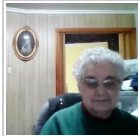
“ I worked with Barb Brands for about 5 years at the Beecher Bank- she was the most dedicated employee, kind, compassionate person who lived her family dearly- she certainly will be missed by many ☹️

Karen Braun - December 29, 2023 at 04:47 AM

DN

“ We lived across the street for many years and were so blessed to have Barbara for a neighbor. Such a sweet, kind lady and dear friend to our Mother. Our sympathy to the family.

Dianne Newberry - December 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ Barbara was such a great neighbor and friend. She was a caring person always helping where she could. I remember her as a teller in the Farmers State Bank, always helpful. She was a very caring wife and mother too.

Gail Matthias - December 28, 2023 at 11:36 AM

TB

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Tom, Katie, Travis, Megan and Benn - December 27, 2023 at 07:39 PM

TB

“ Our family will second Rebecca's sweet words about Barbara. She was a wonderful neighbor, friend, relative, adopted grandmother to Travis, Megan and Benn and adopted mother to Tom and I. We were blessed to live next to her for over 30 years. As I told her granddaughter, she was one of the best people I've ever know and she will be missed.

Tom, Katie, Travis, Megan and Benn - December 27, 2023 at 07:28 PM

CS

“ Charlie and Marie Gaskill, Tom and Katie Stluka and Cindie Smit. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J Brands.

Charlie and Marie Gaskill, Tom and Katie Stluka and Cindie Smit. - December 27, 2023 at 07:08 PM

RI

“ Such a great neighbor! There was a time I was mopping my kitchen floor with 3 young cranky kids and she rang the doorbell with a plate of fresh cookies and word of encouragement! Had to be 10ish years ago but I'll never forget the loved she showed our young family! Barbara also gave my children special Halloween treat bags and encouraged them to play in her back yard!

Rebecca Imig - December 27, 2023 at 06:15 PM