



Barbara C. Hilleque

February 7, 1947 - July 24, 2014

Barb Colette Hilleque, 67, of Minocqua passed away on July 24, 2014. She was born on Feb. 7, 1947 in Juneau County, WI to Eleanor Olga Debovik and Fred Steinmetz. Barb was a 1965 graduate of LaCrosse Aquinas High School and then attended and graduated from UW-Madison. She married Woodrow N. Hilleque on June 28, 1974 at St. Patrick's Church in Madison, WI.

Barbara loved to be with her family and being around her grandchildren. She loved playing bingo with friends/family, reading her books and doing puzzles. Barb was a very active and a cherished member of Holy Family Catholic Church. Her many activities at church included Circle of Women, Secular Franciscans and the Divine Mercy Prayer Group. She served as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass and helped with vacation bible school, community table, prayer shawl group, compassion fund, bible study and quilting group. In addition, her other community involvements were NATH-Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing (Frederick Place), Kiwanis, Lakeland Food Pantry and the Northwoods Wildlife Center. She dedicated her life to serving others. Barb will be greatly missed by her family and many, many friends who loved her.

She is survived by her husband Woody, three sons, Scott (Rebecca) of Dripping Springs, TX; Brian and Matt, both of Round Rock, TX; a daughter Amanda Hilleque of Boston, MA; two granddaughters Ava and Cami of Dripping Springs, TX. She is further survived by five sisters, Rose (Mike) Bingham of Wis Dells; Sue (John) Hort, Wausau; Rita (Alex) Lennox of Orangeville, Ontario, Canada; Mary Ann (Larry) Simonis of Green Bay; Pat (Bob) Jones of Big Lake, AK; a brother Fred (Shirley) Steinmetz of Logansport, IN.; sister-in-law Prudence Pierce of Lake Mills, WI; a step sister Lenore Gentry of LaCrosse, WI and many nieces and nephews. Barb was preceded in death by her parents, mother-in-law Mildred Anderson of Montello, WI.

Visitation will be Tuesday July 29 from 5-7 PM at the Bolger Funeral Home-Woodruff Chapel and again on Wed. July 30 from 10-11 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church, Woodruff, WI. The Funeral Mass will begin at 11 AM on Wed. at Holy Family Catholic Church with a lunch to follow.

Memorials are suggested to either the NATH PO Box 913, Rhinelander, WI 54501 or Northwoods Wildlife center 8683 S. Blumenstein Rd Minocqua, WI 54548.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Woodruff Chapel
1212 First Avenue
(mailing address P.O. Box 40, Woodruff WI 54568)
Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 356-6006
bolgerfuneral@gmail.com
<https://www.bolgerfuneral.com>

Visitation

JUL **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
8950 County J
Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 356-6284
<http://www.holyfamilywoodruff.org>

Funeral Mass

JUL **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ *My sympathies to my cousins at this difficult time.*

Peggy Czajka - July 30, 2014 at 11:50 AM

LC

“ *What I remembered most about Barb, from her DOR days was her energy. It sounds as though she carried that into retirement. I am glad that she had a beautiful place like the Northwoods for retirement. My prayers are being said for Barb and her family. Take care.*

Louise Couillard - July 29, 2014 at 10:46 PM

TS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Hilleque family. Barb was my first supervisor at the Dept. of Revenue, I'm glad to have known her!*

Sincerely, Teresa Signorile



Teresa Signorile - July 29, 2014 at 09:43 PM

JC

“ *To all the loved ones of Barbara. I cousin Jim give and have so much sympathy during this period of sudden grief and loss. The Almighty One, Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has taken over now. He will take the best care of her. No more pain and suffering. May Barbara rest in peace .I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Good by Barbara. Hope to see you later. LOVE COUSIN JIM*

JAMES CZAJKA - July 29, 2014 at 04:37 PM

EM

“ My husband and I were shocked and saddened to hear of Barb's death. We worked with her at the Dept. of Revenue. Not only was she a great person ot work for, but she was a lovely person to know. She was always so good and kind. We both loved her and respected her. We also know Barbara LeGrand, who worked in the same office and passed just a day before Barb. As another well-wisher here, Steve Bose, said, the Lord has two wonderful ladies in his Kingdom now. The thoughts and prayers are with you.
With love,
Don and Elizabeth Martiniak
Janesville, Wisconsin



Elizabeth Martiniak - July 28, 2014 at 07:45 PM

CS

“ To Woody and family,
My deepest symphy to you. I will miss Barb more than words can say.....she was my
GOOD FRIEND, and we worked together for NATH. Northwoods Wildlife Center, Circle
of Women and Kiwanis. She was always there for me, and drove me wherever I
needed
to go-shopping, doctor appointments & all the places we went for NATH, & the
other
Organizations we worked with. She was a kind, caring & beautiful person, and we
got to
know each others family through many conversations in our long car rides around
the
Northwoods, and I know she loved her family very much. The one thing we can all
know
for certain is she is with our Lord now.

Good bye dear friend, rest in the loving arms of Jesus

Carol Scott

Carol Scott - July 28, 2014 at 06:34 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara C. Hilleque.



July 28, 2014 at 03:50 PM

CO

“ To all of Barb's family:
My deepest and most sincere sympathy to all. It was always good to work with Barb here at St. Pius in Cambridge. She was inspiring and such a wonderful addition to parish life.
I know her caring attitude inspired others wherever she went and most of all it was a gift to all of you.
I rejoice in knowing her and pray you will be comforted by her eternal reward.
In prayer,
Char O'Brien
Cambridge, WI

Charmaine O'Brien - July 28, 2014 at 12:10 PM

DE

“ Woody,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. My God be with you and your family at this time.
Our sincere condolences,
Del Whitney and Pat Walter
Cambridge, WI

del - July 28, 2014 at 11:47 AM

JS

“ To Barb's Family:
Barb was my first supervisor when I started with the State of WI, at Dept. of Revenue. There are managers (supervisors) and leaders. Barb was a LEADER. As I transfer through the state and UW, NOT one supervisor HAS EVEN come close to her skills. I always felt her talent, skills were never really appreciated....if they were she would have been director of Revenue, or even our Governor! Heaven is so blessed, and she will sit next to many national great leader and Popes. I am sorry for your loss. Barb was a beautiful, wonderful, caring, and loving person. Jean Stover

Jean Stover - July 28, 2014 at 10:57 AM

JS

“ Dear Woody,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,

Joan "Ace" Swinehart

Joan Swinehart - July 28, 2014 at 08:17 AM

MA

“ To the loved ones of Mrs. Barbara Hilleque,

It is with a heavy heart and tremendous sadness that I am writing this. I first would like to express my deepest condolences for your loss.

My name is Mandy Augustin. I, along with my Mother-in-law, Sharon Cordes and my husband, Dane Cordes, were the first to arrive to the scene of the accident on Thursday morning. While I rushed to help the elderly passengers off the bus, Dane and Sharon focused on retrieving Barb from her car.

Dane and Sharon, both First Aid and CPR certified, immediately began CPR, and continued until paramedics arrived. Sharon prayed aloud, calling Barb, "Sweetie," as she did not yet know her name; willing for Sweetie to have strength.

We wanted you to know that Barb wasn't alone when she passed. She was in caring arms. There was a tangible moment when Sweetie's spirit left her felt by Sharon and Dane in unison. Barb was at peace.

My family and I were headed to the north shore of Lake Superior. During our travels, we prayed. We prayed for Sweetie, and we prayed for you all. Once we reached our destination, there was a moment on the beach when Sharon said to me, "Mandy, look at the sky. That sky is for Sweetie." There was no separation in the color of the water and the color of the sky, it was as if for a moment the Earth and the heavens were one. As I looked out, there was a lone empty star-gazing chair; it was Sweetie's.

If you should have any questions, we are here.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Sharon, Dane & Mandy*



Mandy - July 27, 2014 at 02:57 PM



Thank you for sharing this Mandy. You share Barb's daughters name and she would have found this very comforting

Rebecca Hilleque - August 15, 2014 at 12:04 AM

PJ

Thank You so much, This is so beautiful, I am going to paint this , Hopefully that is OK with You!!

Patricia L Jones - October 20, 2016 at 01:54 PM

SB

“ *Today is doubly sad. Looking at the State Journal Obituaries, I found that both Barb and her long time friend and co worker Barb (Bobbi) LeGrand were listed one after another. As their supervisor, Barb and Bobbi sat side by side outside my office. Bobbi was the voice of kindness and compassion. Barb Hilleque was a smart and effective supervisor. As a team, they made my job much easier and endured my shortcomings especially before my first cup of coffee. To both families, I express my deepest condolences. Our Lord has picked a great team to take home. I was truly blessed to have known Bobbi and Barb.*

Steve Bose

steve bose - July 27, 2014 at 01:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara C. Hilleque.*



July 26, 2014 at 01:01 PM