



Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz

June 12, 1930 - August 28, 2016

Brigitte Barbara Rotraut Koch (Barbara Vincenz) was born on June 12, 1930 in Magdeburg, Germany.

Visitation will be Friday, September 02, 2016 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and on Saturday, September 03, 2016, from 9:00 A.M. to time of funeral service 10:30 A.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Barrington, Illinois.

She grew up in a nice home with her parents Rudolf and Rotraut, big brother Peter and little sister Christel. She had a wonderful childhood but life changed as WWII hit. Her dad and 16 year old brother went to fight for their country. So she was left with her mom and baby sister. Barbara was only 13 years old when they had to escape to West Germany together. She lost her Father during the war and her mom was paralyzed in an accident shortly afterwards.

Eventually she followed her brother Peter Koch to America. She became a nanny for award winning actress Beatrice Straight in NY and later went on to study Interior Design in San Francisco. This is where she joined the Unification Church as the 10th member in America. Barbara then became a missionary in Europe- the first member they witnessed to was a young German man Reiner Vincenz, who would later become her husband. In 1969,

Rev. Moon blessed Reiner and Barbara together in holy marriage.

Barbara was a devoted wife. Reiner and Barbara Vincenz accomplished a lot together traveling all over the world in America, Europe and Asia teaching God's Words, leading teams and planting churches. She was also able to apply her Interior Design talents in many projects. Reiner and Barbara always lead together- Reiner representing Heaven with the next big mission and Barbara representing Earth saying "Reiner, but we have to do the laundry first!" Reiner and Barbara are always remembered as a Pioneer Couple "Marching On!" They devoted their life and love to God and others.

In 1987, at the age of 57 Barbara finally became a Mother to their adopted and only daughter Leena. Barbara devoted the next years to staying home with and raising Leena while Reiner continued mission work. After a lot of travelling, they lived in Germany from 1989-1995 and then came to Illinois in 1995 where they have lived since. Barbara was a wonderful mom. She had a loving motherly heart to all who met her. She was always full of joy, appreciation and generosity. Barbara always thought of everyone else before herself. She paid attention to the small things and kept a beautiful, organized home. She always made everyone feel welcome and loved.

She was very happy to finally receive a son when Leena married Jario Gavin in 2007 and to become "Oma" a grandma in 2011 when her granddaughter was born and in 2015 when her grandson was born! In her later years, Barbara devoted herself to taking care of her husband Reiner who suffered with Parkinson's disease while she also began to have Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's herself. Barbara lived with her children first and then moved into a nursing home after her husband passed in 2015. Their children Jario and Leena devoted themselves to taking care of Reiner and Barbara for the past 5 years and were proud to be a part of this 3 generation family.

Barbara passed peacefully in the beautiful hospice facility JourneyCare in Barrington, IL on Sunday morning August, 28 around 5:45 A.M. after having been in the hospice without fluids for 17 days- what a strong woman! Family and friends were able to share many beautiful moments together with her showering her with love and memories during the last couple weeks of her life. Thank you sincerely for all for your love and prayers during this special time. Barbara is now free in Heaven reunited with her husband Reiner and many others. Let us celebrate her victorious life this coming Saturday and pray for her smooth transition in to her eternal home, dwelling in God's love. Thank you for sharing your memories and wishes with us here on this website; and thank you to Morizzo Funeral Home.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery in Barrington

600 South Dundee Avenue
Barrington, IL 60010
(847) 713-2368
<http://www.barringtonarealibrary.org/cemeteries/302-evergreen>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

SEP 3. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Seija Kuenzig - September 02, 2016 at 01:45 PM

AS

“ Dear Barbara Vincenz, our dear Elder Sister, pioneer, leader, and mother, and Lena and family,

Our hearts, love, and prayers are with you on this special day of your glorious Ascension into the spirit world after a life well lived in service to God and humanity and our Unification Movement!

We love you and thank you for your incredible sacrifice, perseverance, love, and absolute commitment and loyalty to God and True Parents, especially during the crucial years of our True Parents' most difficult years on earth!

We thank you for your leadership and for having been one of the women and mother pioneers of our European movement as well as here in the United States, a pillar God could always rely on.

It is now your time to rejoice as you join True Father, your dear husband Reiner and as a new life unfolds before you there being no longer a veil between you and our Heavenly Parent. On this special day of your ascension we celebrate the fruit of your labor -- your wonderful family, grandchildren, and tribe (spiritual children) that has spread already far and wide based on your leadership, your teaching, and your absolutely noble example.

Please go in peace and with all our love.

*Angelika and Bob Selle
and also the WFWP USA*

Angelika Selle - September 02, 2016 at 09:26 AM

JM

“ « *When our life on the earth will be completed,
the love that we gave to others,
the services that we gave with all our heart for the sake of others,
the sacrifices which we courageously offered for God and for all
humankind,
all that will become our treasure for eternity. »*
– True Father

Dear BARBARA,

*Words cannot express our gratitude for your years of sacrifice,
silently enduring,
quietly following and taking loving care of the members as you
followed the enormous footsteps of your husband while attending
True Parents from place to place and country to country, until the
moment of your passing.*

*Our True Father has explained that when he looks at a husband, he
can tell everything about the faith of the wife. Without your love,
support, prayers and tears, where would Reiner and France and
all the French members be today? You were "the Wind beneath
his wings" and ours as well and will continue to be so in Heaven.*

*We, here in France, surround you with our eternal love and
gratitude for your
unforgettable heart of love, filial piety, and devotion to God's will and
our True Parents and for each of the lives you touched with your
kind heart and beautiful soul.
We will miss you deeply. God's speed into the loving arms of your
husband who waits
for his cherished wife.*

With our deepest respect and love,

Jean Francois & Hisako Moulinet

and all your Brothers and Sisters in France.

Jean-François Moulinet - September 02, 2016 at 02:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.*



September 01, 2016 at 09:45 PM



“ *Liselotte, Claude & Hitoko Perrottet purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.*



Liselotte, Claude & Hitoko Perrottet - September 01, 2016 at 09:13 PM



“ *Hitoshi Nagai Family purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.*



Hitoshi Nagai Family - September 01, 2016 at 07:01 PM

FG

“ *Family Federation Germany purchased the Finest Farewell Spray for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.*



Family Federation Germany - September 01, 2016 at 04:56 PM

RT

“ *Rev. Kazuo Takami purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.*



Rev. Kazuo Takami - September 01, 2016 at 01:21 PM

GF

“ *Gertrud, Goon & Family, Spring & Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.*



Gertrud, Goon & Family, Spring & Family - September 01, 2016 at 01:19 PM



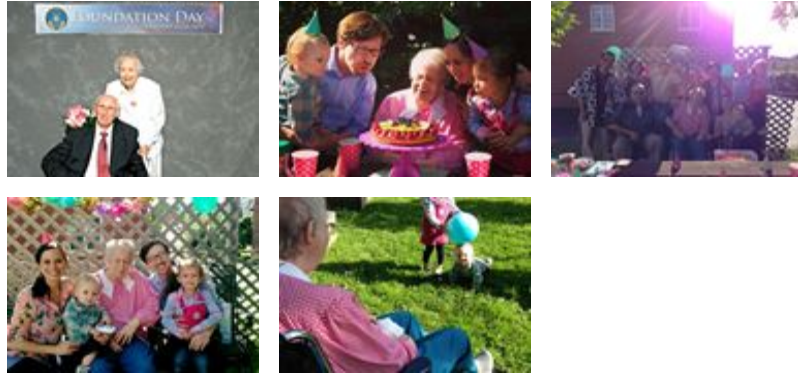
“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.*



August 31, 2016 at 10:16 PM



“ 146 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 31, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.



August 31, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.



August 31, 2016 at 02:11 PM

PS

“ I have so many memories of this humble, serving, unassuming, strong and faithful woman: always at her husband's side, supporting him; taking personal care of our 1977 IOWC team members, sewing our names into our socks, making sure about meals, preparations, etc.; giving her entire life in service to True Parents and the movement, remaining humble, grateful and involved despite her own challenging situation; personally involved and loving in the lives of so many in her community; when Reiner faced his own physical decline and frustration, Barbara was a rock- loving, faithful, patient, and ready to sacrifice and serve, despite her own battle with Alzheimer's and declining health.



My family and I send our love and support to Leena, Jerio and family, whose filial piety and devotion to their 3-generational family, no easy task in this difficult situation, has been a thing of true beauty. God bless Barbara, now free from the burden of her suffering body, and able to soar on the foundation of her beautiful heart, on to new lessons of love.

All of our prayers and support for Barbara's peaceful transition, letting go of any burdens, hurts or regrets, and joyful return to our Heavenly Parent and her beloved eternal partner.

Phillip Schanker

Phillip Schanker - August 31, 2016 at 11:40 AM

CD

“ 3 files added to the album *The Early Years*



Claus Dubisz - August 31, 2016 at 10:30 AM

TF

“ the French Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.



the French Family - August 31, 2016 at 10:22 AM

TS

“ The Family Sometani purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz.



The Family Sometani - August 30, 2016 at 09:41 PM



“ She shared my first seven day fast with me. On the 7th day at midnight, we prayed at the prayer room and we shared a green apple together to break the fast. She was really a great mother to me.

Daisy Kuroha - August 30, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ *Daisy Kuroha lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara B. Vincenz*



Daisy Kuroha - August 30, 2016 at 02:43 PM

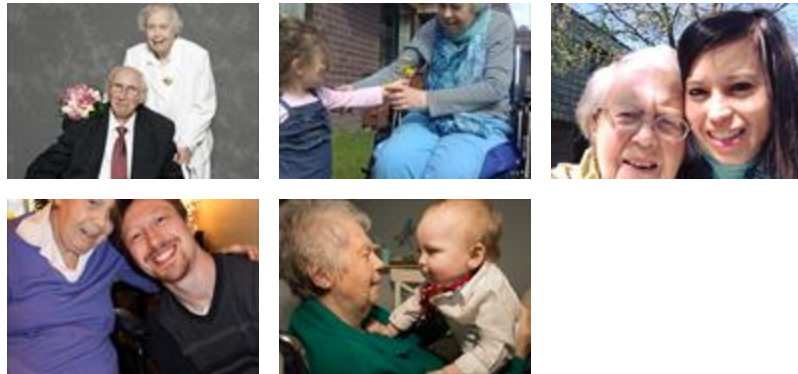


“ *A strong woman who equally supported other women in the Chicago community. During our toughest times, Aunt Barbara took care of my family and has always been there with a smile and warm heart. She is so proud of you Leena. Love you all and God bless your family. <3*

Karina Sutker - August 30, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Family*



Leena Vincenz-Gavin - August 29, 2016 at 09:12 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Family*



Leena Vincenz-Gavin - August 29, 2016 at 08:01 PM

LV

“ 9 files added to the album *The Early Years*



Leena Vincenz-Gavin - August 29, 2016 at 07:54 PM

TH

“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*



Those of us at Morizzo Funeral Home - August 29, 2016 at 04:17 PM