



## Barbara Jo Essmueller

October 25, 1940 - June 25, 2013

Barbara Jo Essmueller, 72, died unexpectedly at her home on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

Barbara was born on October 25, 1940 in Hannibal, MO, the daughter of the late Mary Eileen and R. E. Long, Jr.

Barbara grew up in Hannibal, MO and attended the Hannibal High School where she was active in high school organizations and served as a Pirate Pepper. After graduation she was accepted into the St. Luke's Hospital Nursing program in St. Louis, MO, where she graduated and then became a Registered Nurse. She was known for her caring, compassionate and nurturing personality which is in keeping with her passion for nursing. Barbara always wanted to be a nurse from early childhood until the day she realized this goal. She could always be found reading books about nursing and nurses and this continued throughout her younger days to adulthood. She was extremely proud of her career. She specialized in pediatrics for many years but most recently directed her attention toward the geriatric specialty. Although she never had children of her own, every child she cared for all those years was like one of her own.

In 1962, she was married to Robert G. Essmueller, her husband for 51 years and who survives her. After their marriage they made their home in Alton

where they have lived for these many years. In addition, she is survived by her only sister, Brenda Long Roberts (Thomas S. Roberts, II), nephew, Darin Scott Harvey (Genessa Gerber Harvey) and nephew's son, Keith A. Harvey. She lived for her family and was generous and kind in every way. In addition to her family, she loved her French poodle puppies and considered each one a family member.

A private family graveside service will be held in Hannibal, MO with spreading of her ashes.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jo Essmueller*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Barbara Jo Essmueller*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Barbara Jo's passing. I am a 1961 St. Lukes classmate of Barbie's. We shared many great times together in school, including both laughter and tears. When I talked to Barbie about a year ago, she told me how much she loved caring for her elderly patients and had no plans to retire at all. She couldn't decide if she had loved pediatrics or geriatrics more during her long career. Barbie was a caring, conpassionate person who will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.*

**Carole Moore** - July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am a "61 St. Luke's graduate with "Barbie-Jo"(as we, affectionately called her. I just spoke to her 2 weeks ago about our get together in St, Louis and she said she couldn't come due to working. I wish we could have visited Our Prayers are with you and the Family. Love and Prayers Chloe*

**Chloe DeClue** - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Am so sorry to hear about Barbie. We attended St Luke's Hospital School of Nursing together. She was such a great person. My prayers go out to the family.

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**Ruth Hahs** - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Barbara will be missed. She was a good friend and a lovely lady. I can say I had the joy of working with her on Pediatrics at AMH for many years. I was Unit Secretary on the unit and she was my Head Nurse for many years. She was so caring and compassionate. She loved all the "kids" and had a knowledge of so much. I seen her a few years ago, and she was the same Barbara, always had humor and spunk. My prayers and thoughts go out to her family today.

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**Beverly (Hicks) Scott** - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My sympathy to Barbara's family. I had so much love and respect for Barbara, as a nurse, a friend, and mentor. I met Barbara as child, when my mother worked with her on Pediatrics at AMH. Later, as an adult, I became a CNA and a Unit Secretary and worked with her on the very same unit. I became a patient and requested Pediatrics when I had a head-on auto accident on my way to work at the age of 23. Barbara was one of my nurses. I always loved her wisdom and humor. She was such a caring and loving, compassionate lady. She will be sadly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow.

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**Joyce Ansell** - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I was a classmate of Barbie's (that's what we called ) at St. Luke's School of Nursing. I could write forever about all the good times we had. Barbie was so attractive, most of us were jealous. Two weeks ago, a few of us had lunch and we discussed Barbie, talking about what a great nurse she was. I send deepest sympathy from the Class of 1961.

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**Beverly Krause** - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Barb was a very caring person and was very special to our families she could not have been any better to our parent's while in Jerseyville Nursing and Rehab from 2005-2009 . We felt very close to her and didn't worry when she was at work. So sorry to here of her passing. She had many conservations with us. She loved Dairy Queen BBQ and Dairy Land ice cream she even gave us her home phone number a very special LADY!

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**Mary Neal & Theresa Fitzgibbons** - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Barbara was a caring hardworking and dedicated Nurse. We have known Barb for many years and we will surely miss her.

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**Dr. Sam & Mirka Figueroa** - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I will dearly miss barb. I met her at her work. She was a kind compassionate & hard working woman. I will always always remember this remarkable person. I feel so blessed to have known barb.

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**melody rowling** - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I am so sorry to read of Barb's passing. I worked with Barb on Pediatrics at AMH in 1969-70 and she was a wonderful, compassionate, caring nurse. I saw her again a few years ago when visiting a friend in a Jerseyville nursing home and she looked as young as when I knew her and still as full of energy as in her younger years. She was a wonderful nurse and will be greatly missed by those she cared for. May God give you peace and comfort.

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**Kay and Ray Robinson** - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Bob -So very sorry to learn of Barb's death. We are in CA at granddaughter's wedding, so I won't be able to stop by. Will certainly keep Barb in my prayers. Best regards, Emert

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**Emert** - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM