



## Marjorie Ann Barban

April 6, 1936 - March 24, 2018

Dateline: Alton

Marjorie Ann Barban, 81, died at 9:22 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born April 6, 1936 in Harrisburg, IL, she was the daughter of William and Delores (Debes) Zimmer. On June 21, 1958 she married Jack L. Barban in Harrisburg, IL. He preceded her in death on February 8, 1994. Marjorie earned a Bachelor's Degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and a Masters Degree in education from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. She was an educator with a lifelong love of teaching and learning, and she worked as teacher throughout Madison County over more than 40 years. She retired in 1999 as a teacher of 8th grade English from the East Alton Wood River School District.

She was a devoted member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey, serving as a Lector and member of the choir. She was an active leader in the community, serving with Delta Kappa Gamma, P.E.O. Chapter JZ, Alton Community Service League, the A.A.U.W. and the Caravan Oasis Center for Women, and also served as a volunteer at the Alton Little Theater, Alton Public Library, the Lewis and Clark Historic site in Wood River, and at The National Great Rivers Museum at Melvin Price Locks and Dam. She brought joy and enlightenment to all her works and service, with her hands, voice and heart.

She is survived by four sons, Peter J. Barban (Sandy) of Taipei, Taiwan, Tyler G. Barban of Alton, Andrew W. Barban of Mt. Vernon, IL, and John W. Barban (Shirley) of Stamford, CT, and five grandchildren, Maria, Michael, Carlie, Faith and Isabella Barban. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, William and James Zimmer. A prayer service will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by visitation until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey.

Memorials may be made to Caravan Oasis Center for Women and the The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.

Online guest book and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
820 West Homer Adams Pkway  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marjorie Ann Barban*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Marjorie Ann Barban*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Margie was a very special gem. I enjoyed her East Alton retirement presentation “When I’m an Old Woman, I Shall Wear Purple”, her ALT plays and her Delta Kappa Gamma involvement. She provided a joyous spark wherever she went. We will miss her stories, her humor and her charm. She was precious!*

**Debbie Sims** - March 28, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ *For many years Margie volunteered faithfully at La Vista Ecological Learning Center at the Missionary Oblates' Novitiate in Godfrey. As our group prepared newsletters together, Margie would entertain us with stories and history. There was never a dull minute when Margie was present. All of us at La Vista are grateful for Margie's smiling, gracious presence and generosity. We are thankful that she shared her life and beautiful spirit with us. Peace to her family and friends.*  
*Maxine Pohlman, SSND*

March 27, 2018 at 10:10 AM

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“*Margie was my new member guide when I joined Alton Community Service League. She was wonderful. We new members were welcomed to her home where she had baked a delicious butter braid treat for us. As we enjoyed it and got to know one another, I asked her where she found that delicious bread? With a twinkle in her eyes, a smile on her face, she said she got it from her freezer and was so glad we enjoyed it as it was our first fundraiser; we had to sell them for the League! She never failed to use that beautiful smile to get us to volunteer. I will always remember how much she appreciated all of us as we worked with her many times in gift wrap and other fundraisers. I worked with her often at Alton Little theater as well. When I told her I was going to run for President of the League, she smiled with encouragement and took my hand saying she knew I was a good one! I will miss this lovely lady her very much. Rest In Peace dear Margie and may God comfort your friends and loved ones during this time of sorrow. God Bless You, Cora*



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**cora** - March 26, 2018 at 11:31 PM