



## Dr. Barbara Levandowski

March 16, 1948 - February 8, 2021

Dr. Barbara S. Levandowski passed away on Monday, February 8, 2021.

She was born March 16, 1948, the daughter of the late Earl and Ann Levandowski. Barb devoted her life to education. She began her career as a teacher and later became a teacher of teachers as a professor at North Park University in Chicago. She also served for several years as a school administrator.

She is survived by her siblings Jackie (Tim Doolin) Levandowski, Allan (Cathy) Levandowski, and Andy (Shari) Levandowski; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends. She is also survived by her special friend Ted Stefaniak and by her much-loved pets.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Norman (Gloria) Levandowski, Wayne (Barbara) Levandowski, and Jerry (Julie) Levandowski.

Visitation will be from 10 – 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 135 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046. Mass will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday at church. To attend the visitation or Mass, the church is requesting that everyone pre-register.

To register to attend the visitation: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CABAF28A5FB6-visitation3>

To register to attend the Mass: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CABAF28A5FB6-funeral4>

Burial at St Peter Cemetery in Eagle River, WI will take place at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Barb's memory to the charity of your choice.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**            10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Prince of Peace Catholic Church

135 S. Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL, US, 60046

**FEB**   **Mass**                    11:00AM

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Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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# Comments

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“ Dear Allan and family, I'm so very sorry to hear about your sister. Praying that the Lord will comfort you all during this sad time. Be assured that God is near to those with a broken heart. May you and your family feel His presence now and always.  
Vickie Goode



**Vickie Goode** - February 16, 2021 at 06:49 PM

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“ Dr L, as I knew her, was my first Principal and to this day, perhaps the most influential of my career. Her confidence in me gave me the courage to color outside the lines and forged the path of creativity I chose for the remainder of my career as a music teacher. I will never forget her smile and infectious laugh as well as her honesty and encouragement. She still holds a special place in my heart, now newly retired, as the one who provided the positive first experience as a young teacher. She set the bar high for all Principals to follow. I imagine that similar sentiments could be said of Barb many times over from other educators. She lived a life of purpose and will be greatly missed.

**Becky Clark** - February 15, 2021 at 05:00 AM

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“ In Woodstock School District, “Dr. L”, as she was affectionately known, was a coworker and a colleague. I often went to her office to talk about curriculum and teacher training. Barbara’s main focus was always on what was best for teachers and their students. Barbara was a natural at teaching teachers. (Together we organized and taught an administrative cohort through Aurora University.)

Once done with the business of the day, we’d spend time talking about the Green Bay Packers, even during the off-season. Then our conversation would inevitably turn to stories of her loving family. She so loved her family. I recall numerous accounts of Cathy and Allan (and Abby) expecting a child and brother, named Ben. I remember her saying. “You’d think Abby was the one who was pregnant.” And then she’d laugh that Dr. Levandowski laugh. After Ben’s birth, Barb shared many photos and stories of Abby and Ben. She was always so excited and delighted for a weekend visit to see the children and willingly let everyone know.

Years later, I was extremely fortunate to finally meet Ben, Abby, Cathy and Allan, when their family enrolled in my small school district. I watched the children grow and learn. But most importantly, I was reacquainted and had renewed conversations with my friend, Barbara.

Dennis Harezlak

Dennis Harezlak - February 14, 2021 at 01:08 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Barbara Levandowski.



February 13, 2021 at 04:40 PM

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“ I was blessed to student teach under "Dr. L" in 1984. She changed my life and taught me what it meant to connect with children. She taught me how to be a teacher. I held Barb in such high regard. To me, as a 22 year old brand new teacher, she walked on water. She was an outstanding educator, and I watched her and I learned from her. I went on to teach, then I became a principal, then an assistant superintendent. I retired two years ago. I never, ever would have worked like I did, if not for the foundation that I learned under Dr. L. She has always meant the world to me. I was just thinking of her the other day...She impacted so many lives. Mine included. My sympathies to her family and friends. She was an amazing human.  
Marie Bleasdale Hoffmann, Student teacher 5th grade, Einstein Elementary School, Hanover Park, IL

Marie E Hoffmann - February 11, 2021 at 08:20 PM

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“ Allan (and family). With much sympathy, I am lighting the candle I first lit when my father died and saying (and sending you) these words by Kahlil Gibran:

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?  
And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?  
Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.  
And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.  
And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.

Wendy Brown - February 11, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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“ Gloria (Levandowski) Davies purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Barbara Levandowski.



Gloria (Levandowski) Davies - February 11, 2021 at 02:22 PM

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“ Barb was a fantastic sister-in-law. When my son was having trouble in school; Bard met with him to encourage him in his studies and wrote a letter to the school as well. Education was part of the fabric of who Barb was and she loved to teach others.

**Gloria V Davies** - February 11, 2021 at 02:19 PM

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“ Barb was my dear friend and neighbor for 21 years. Other folks came and went, but we were a fixture on our little lane. I cannot conceive of her no longer being just across the way. I love you and miss you, Babs. Rest in peace with the Lord. (Sandra Meyer)

**Sandra Meyer** - February 11, 2021 at 01:36 PM

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“ RIP, Dr L. You are an amazing educator & person & loved by many in Woodstock IL from District 200! Deepest sympathies & condolences to your family & friends.

**Cathy Porter, D200 retired secretary** - February 10, 2021 at 07:20 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Barb for several years in her mentor program and as a Curriculum Area Specialist, plus just dropping into her office to chat. She was a dedicated educator who was always available to her teachers. She loved sitting down with us in meetings and making sure she was on the same page. She was a wonderful mentor for my son as he was a student of hers at North Park. She was a great sounding board for him as well as any others who came to seek her advice or point of view. We used to have lunch several times a year and just chat. She loved people. She loved her family. We shall miss you, Barb. My condolences to her family. She always spoke so lovingly of family and their travels together. I pray for God's peace and comfort for you. May you feel God's loving arms surround you. Judy Connor

**Judy Connor** - February 10, 2021 at 07:20 PM

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“ I went to school with Barb, she was always an easy going person, she was also very smart and over the years she met her goals which are outstanding . Prays and condolences to her friends and family RIP Barb

**Barbara Iwanski** - February 10, 2021 at 12:38 PM