



## Barbara L. Gorman

September 23, 1958 - February 17, 2016

Barbara L. Gorman, 57, of Fond du Lac, passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at UW Hospital, Madison, in the loving arms of her family, from complications following liver transplant surgery. Barb went peacefully to be with her mother, brother, and sister for a joyful reunion of all our loved ones. Barb was born September 23, 1958, in Madison, daughter of John and Mary Gorman. After 29 years of companionship and love, Barb married Sharon Diedrich on October 25th, 2015. Barb graduated from UW- Lacrosse with a degree in recreational therapy and a masters degree in Organizational Leadership from Marian University. Barb began her career at the Sheltered Activity Center in Appleton, providing community interaction for people with special needs. She also was a coach for Special Olympics, taking a team to the International Special Olympic games. She later served as area director for the Appleton Area Special Olympics teams. Barb was currently employed at Agnesian HealthCare for over 25 years. She had a sincere desire to assist patients to return to their active lifestyles after major illnesses when she worked with the team on the Center for Physical Rehab. Barb was currently part of the Project Management team at Agnesian HealthCare, focusing on providing quality care for patients. Her passion for her family was paramount. Her early years in Madison, supporting her brothers and sisters, parents, and community, was just the beginning of her giving heart. She always put others needs ahead of her own. While Barb was in college, she unselfishly gifted a kidney to her sister Kathy. Barb was also blessed by an organ donor and her

family appreciated this gift from their family. Barb's zeal for life was reflected in her love of nature. From walking her dog Buddy, to camping, hiking, biking, golfing, kayaking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and traveling, she was always planning the next adventure. Her annual trips to Door County and Minoqua, with family and friends, was always on her destination list. Her life long dream to visit all the National Parks, was almost realized. Last summer, she treated herself to the car of her dreams, and enjoyed tooling around in her convertible; if Sharon was not in the front seat, Buddy, her beloved dog was. Barb had a hidden talent she shared with very few people, she was a pianist; her love of music was inspired by her mother. Survivors include, her spouse, Sharon Diedrich; her father, John H. Gorman; her brother, Jeff Gorman, (Christine), and their children: Ryley, Zachary, and Gabrielle; her sister, Anne Gorman, (Kim Chytka), Harley Schneider (dear family friend); her in-laws: Leonard (Fritz) and Myra Diedrich, Joanne Diedrich, Nancy Stephanie, Tom (Chris) Diedrich, Ken (Sandy) Diedrich, Jan (Doug) Goebel, and Carol (Jef) Voelker, and their families. She is further survived by many dear relatives and friends, and her faithful companion, Buddy. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Gorman; her brother, Michael Gorman; her sister, Kathy Pope, and brother-in-law, Bob Stephanie. VISITATION: The family will greet relatives and friends from 9:00 – 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church, 20 Wisconsin American Drive, Fond du Lac. SERVICES: A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Tom Meyer officiating. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the Agnesian Hospice Home of Hope. Barb's family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. Lisa Weber of Fond du Lac Regional Clinic, Dr. James Runo, Amy and the nursing and transplant staff of UW Madison for the care they provided to Barb, the liver donor and their family, and all of Barb's family and friends that have showed us so much love and support through her final journey. It's all coasting now!



# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I am sorry for your loss. I just saw Barb's obituary and remembered that she was wonderful with my husband Phil after his stroke in 2010. Phil lost his battle with cancer a few months later. Barb was an inspiration and a beautiful person inside and out. She will be greatly missed.

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**Dianne Baumann** - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Barb was a very caring, gentle soul. She was a great person to work with. You could see the love that she had for her patients. Sharon and family, I'm so sorry for your lose.

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**Cheryl Michler** - February 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb was such a inspiration to Jim after his stroke. He joined Barb's therapy group at the Aquatic Center and attended for over 10 years. She was a inspiration to all attending this therapy group and will be fondly remembered. Barb, we all will miss you!

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February 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb was a great inspiration to Jim after his stroke. She was also a source of comfort for me in dealing with my husbands stroke. She was a great help to Jim and many others for their swim therapy at the aquatic center for many, many years. Thank you Barb! You will be missed by many. Jim and Sharon Smith

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February 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *TO SPEAK BARB'S NAME WILL BRING LIFE TO HER AGAIN." EXPRESSING HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO SHARON AND THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF BARB GORMAN. MAY YOU FIND PEACE IN THE DAYS AHEAD. GOOD BLESS BARB.*

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**DANA HIPKE** - February 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *So very sorry to hear this. Sharon, I have many fond memories of you and Barb from my St. Agnes days. May you find peace in your memories as well.*

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**Lisa Husar** - February 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Rest in peace Barb*

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**Mary Hambly** - February 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Earth lost an angel, Heaven gained one.*

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**Ann Sorgent** - February 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *So sorry Sharon to hear about Barb's passing. know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry I was out of town and unable to attend the service*

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**Donna Lehner** - February 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sharon- my thoughts are with you all, Barb was so amazing in all she did. She was a special friend and mentor and made an impact on my life. Blessings, Heather Evenson

February 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sharon so sorry to hear of Barb passing, our hearts go out to you and your family. May all your memories help you through the rough times. Ray and Joan Lackas

**Joan and Ray Lackas** - February 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy...thoughts and prayers to you and the families...

**Mary Immel** - February 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Barb Gorman ~ I worked with Barb years ago when she was the Special Olympics Chairman of the Fox Valley Region. I was the treasurer during that time and also coordinated Boy Scouts to act as volunteers. She was very energetic, well focused, and a gracious human being. I will miss her.

**Michael Weaver** - February 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sharon, I'm so sorry. Barb was a wonderful person. It was a privilege to work with her and learn from her. She was kind, compassionate and so witty:). What a blessing she was. You are in my thoughts and prayers . Sue Van Houten

February 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Thoughts and prayers with Barb's family. I so enjoyed working with her when I worked at St. Agnes.....

amy riese - February 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ May your hearts be filled with the wonderful memories of Barb. My condolences Sharon and to your family as well.

Justine Feldmann - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. With sympathy, Greg and Jo Chytka

Jo Chytka - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Sharon, I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers to you and your families.

Tracy Venne - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ love and prayers to family, friends and associates who were blessed to know Barb...

Kate Candee - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Sharon I'm so sorry for your loss. You were such a great couple. Barb will be truely missed, she's was a lovely lady. I'm here for you Lisa from transport.

lisa seltrecht - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ We are inspired by Barb's life, and deeply saddened at her loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sharon and family.

Nancy and Tammy Maas - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Sharon & Family: I am so, so sorry to read of Barb's death. I have such neat memories of her friendship, especially working with her on Physical Rehab, having her shadow me & working together on various issues through the years. What a wonderful, compassionate soul. God Bless & Hold you all very close during this difficult time & give you a Peace that only HE can give you. Thinking of you all with love & prayers. I'm in Florida or would come to the visitation.

Cathie Aschenbrenner - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Dearest Sharon, I'm sending you hugs and many prayers to help you and for Barb's family. I'm feeling such sadness. She was a great and strong woman. She helped so many people. I admired her as a great Professional. Hold on to all of the happy memories that were made by you and her. Bless, Bonnie Irving

Bonnie irving - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Sharon, My deepest sympathy to you, So sorry for your loss. RIPTo you Barb.

Nicolette Friedel - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Sharon. Prayers and hugs are being sent your way!

Kay from Backyard - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sharon, We are so sorry for your loss. Agnesian was blessed to have Barb as part of it's family! Carla and Blair Bishop

February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sharon, Barb's family and the Dietrich family ...I am so sorry for your loss. The world needs more "special" people like her. I remember from the volleyball playing days. God be with you all.

Phyllis - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb was a caring and loving person. Many will miss her love of life. Condolences to Sharon and to the families.

Mary Koester Julie and Jim Leser - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To a great lady, rest in Peace Barb.

Peggy Possin - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ This was such a shock to me. My sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Sharon, Buddy and all of Barb and Sharon ' s family.

Debra Rimmel - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb your a special person. Thank you for sharing with me about your bicycle trips. My husband and I had many happy memories. Rest in peace.

Nancy Schmitz - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ Sharon-my sympathies to you and your family. Praying that love and peace surround you.

Christina Umbreit - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Barb's zest for life and service to others will live on in all of us that knew her. She was a great example of servant leadership. I am blessed to have known her and appreciate the many laughs we shared together.

Mike Feudner - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Sharon and family! I am so sorry to hear about Barb's passing. She was a wonderful person who will be missed...Cherish the memories! You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Lois Thome - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ May Barbara rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Richard Candee - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Our condolences to Barb's family. She will be forever missed and fondly remembered.

The Staff of Lakeside Neurocare - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ You will never be forgotten. Love you always.

Terry - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM