Barbara Eva Berentson

November 06, 1953 — September 24, 2026

Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 01, 2026
Holy Family Catholic Church
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Presiding

Father Bill Gerlach

Scripture Readings

1st Reading: *Isaiah 25:6,7-9* ▪ Nicoleta Visilian
2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 4:15-5:1* ▪ Taylor Berentson
Gospel: *John 6:37-40*
Prayers of the Faithful ▪ Lucia Campani

Gift Bearers

Emily Deeds ▪ Reid Campani
Dominic Campani ▪ Addison Berentson
Lana Berentson ▪ Cristina Visilian

Pallbearers

Jeffrey Campani ▪ Eric Deeds
Joe Bachmeier ▪ Taylor Berentson
Alex Deeds ▪ Dominic Campani

Interment

Fargo National Cemetery
Harwood, North Dakota

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your thoughts and prayers. Please join them for lunch following the Mass.

Barbara Eva (Kuntz) Berentson, 72, Fargo, passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at Edgewood, Grand Forks, ND under the care of HIA Hospice after a battle with breast cancer. She was a (15) year survivor.

Barbara was born to Barbara (Volk) and Frank Kuntz on November 6, 1953, in Rugby, ND. Barbara was the fourth of 13 children. She grew up on the family farm in McHenry County near Orrin, ND which was an original German-Russian homestead. Her paternal grandparents homesteaded there after immigrating from South Russia in the early 1900's. Her mother's side of the family were also immigrants from South Russia. Barbara remembers getting their first telephone, indoor plumbing, and running water in seventh grade. She graduated from Drake High School in 1971.

Barbara married Kip T. Berentson on October 29, 1977. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Rolanda Deeds, (Eric) Manhattan, Kansas, and their children Emily and Alexander; Alysia Campani (Jeff) Grand Forks, and their children Reid, Lucia, and Dominic; and Lance (Nicoleta) Minot, and their children Taylor, Addison, Lana, and Cristina.

Her support of her husband's Army career began in 1977. They left their home state of ND and spent time at seven duty stations in Oklahoma, Missouri, Indiana, Kansas, and Pennsylvania, moving as duty called, including two overseas tours to Berlin and Bayreuth, Germany. The most challenging time was when her husband was deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm and she and the children remained in Germany. She bloomed where she was planted.

Barbara began her banking career while stationed in Germany and continued at each duty station thereafter. She spent 28 years in the banking world. After retirement, she continued for nine more years as seasonal help at Carol Widman's Candy Store.

In her spare time Barbara enjoyed reading, sewing, cooking, baking, puzzles, biking, and going for walks.

Barbara is survived by her children, grandchildren, and siblings. Survivors include her sisters, Betty Bachmeier and Candy Munyer (Troy) of Rugby, and Mona Kuntz (Mario) (Cano), Haines City, Florida, brothers, Mike (Cindy), Washburn, Frank (Linda) and Bill (Chris) Stanton, Larry (Gwen) Mandan, Ken (Kris) Rugby, Darryl (Mary Jeanne) Lancaster, Kansas and Wayne (Hilda) Eckelson, ND.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kip, her parents, Frank and Barbara Kuntz, infant brother Neil, and her sister Sr. Carol Jean Kuntz, (SMP).







"Mother's Hands"

By: Marian Jones

Hands that rocked the cradle
From the moment of my birth,
Their tender touch remembered
By those still here on Earth.
Soft as silk those hands
That taught me how to pray,
Banishing childhood fears;
They soothed each one away.
When I grew much older
And troubles came my way,
Those hands caressing mine
Did more than words could say.
Mother's hands were gentle,
They're missed so very much,
I'd give the world to feel once more
Their warm and tender touch.
Those hands were full of comfort
Now they lie at rest,
But memories hold them close
To the ones they served the best.



















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