



## Barbara J. Bauer

February 14, 1963 - June 15, 2024

It is with a heavy heart full of cherished memories that we announce, Barbara "Barb" J. Bauer (Sokaris), passed away on June 15, 2024, at St. Peter's hospital in Albany, NY, at the age of 61 from congestive heart failure. She was born on February 14, 1963, in Albany, NY.

Barb was a beloved mother to Valerie Bauer (Randy Ray) and Stephanie Grunert (Michael Grunert), a caring partner to Michael Clum, and a doting grandmother to James, Robbie, and Jeremy. She was predeceased by her father, Theodore Sokaris, siblings William "Billy" Sokaris, Patricia Sokaris, Cheryl Tessier (Sokaris), and grandson Thomas Grunert. She is survived by her mother, Joanne Sokaris, sister Lisa Sokaris, and brother Stephen Sokaris.

Barb was known for her vibrant personality, heart of gold and selfless nature. She had great pride in her daughters' accomplishments: Valerie with her Bachelors degree in Business management and Stephanie with her successful business, The Waxery. She was so happy her daughters found true love and happiness in life. She also found immense joy in her grandchildren. She had a love for crafts with her grandson, James, card games and puzzles brought light into her life.

She was a graduate of Colonie Central High School Class of 1981. She enjoyed her work at the New York State DMV as a title clerk. Barb's ability to

connect with people from all walks of life was evident in her interactions at the grocery store and the bank. She had a knack for making others laugh and feel welcomed.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Barb's family Wednesday, June 19, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany, NY 12206. Please enter from the rear parking lot doorways only.

A Funeral Service will be held in the funeral home that evening at 6:30 pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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## Service

JUN 19. 6:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara J. Bauer*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 18, 2024 at 09:25 PM

LS

*Love you your little big sister rip until we meet again*

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**Lisa sokaris** - June 20, 2024 at 01:57 PM

BE

*Very sorry for your loss. It is so sad.*

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**Barbara A. Emerson** - June 21, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *188 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 18, 2024 at 05:21 PM

SG

“ *My mom was an amazing woman who cared about everyone. She took in many people who were down on their luck through out her life time. She was the funnest quirkiest woman! She loved her daughters and grandsons more than anything*

Stephanie Grunert - June 17, 2024 at 04:53 PM



*We all loved her . 😞*

Christos Sokaris - June 17, 2024 at 07:15 PM



*Deepest sympathies.*

Christos Sokaris - June 17, 2024 at 07:16 PM

SG

*Thank you 💕💕*

Stephanie Grunert - June 17, 2024 at 08:33 PM

MD

*Condolences to the family on behalf of the DMV Mail Room. Barb will be missed by her coworkers.*

Michael F DeLuca - June 18, 2024 at 08:25 AM

GS

*I'm so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. I remember her mostly in her younger years when her dad was alive and we would get together at family gatherings. There's a few pictures that I can see the image of her dad and her smile.*

*We all have things to do in life and we all run through it until we stop. I wish I had taken more time to get to know her a little better.*

*She gave the most precious of commodities to people, and that was of time. We can never get that back and it's promised to no one. Rest in peace, my cousin.*

*May her memory be eternal*

George Sokaris - June 18, 2024 at 08:25 AM