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# Barbara J. Becker

December 26, 1951 ~ May 29, 2022 (age 70)

Obituary & Services

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## Obituary

Barbara J. Becker, age 70, of Menasha, passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 29, 2022. Barb was born on December 26, 1951 daughter of the late Robert and Magdeline (Malenofsky) Austin. She married Dean Becker on August 27, 1976. Barb along with Dean owned and operated The Gem Roller Rink since 1988 and Skaters Edge in Appleton which they built in 1997. After Dean's untimely death on October 12, 2021 Barb continued to operate the business with her family. Many will also remember Barb as the owner of Kiddie Creations, a children's clothing store in which she created many children's outfits, including Baptismal Gowns, First Communion Dresses, children's costumes and many other types of outfits.

Barb is survived by her children, Sue Roen (Mark Harger), Nicholas (Lucero) Becker, and Matt Becker; her grandchildren, Zachary (Jessica) Wudke, Gabrielle (Florentine) and Alyssa Roen, Mason and Mia Becker and Sebastian Echeverria; and four great-grandchildren, Emmett, Olivia, Walker and Jaxson. She is further survived by a brother, James Austin, sister-in-law, Kay (Keith) Grosskopf and brother-in-law, Mark Becker and fur baby Puss the cat, as well as Freddy and Junker the dogs. Barb was preceded in death by her husband Dean and her parents.

A celebration of life will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at Skaters Edge, 5714 Integrity Way, Appleton. Family and friends may gather at Skaters Edge from 4:00 p.m. until the time of services.

In lieu of flowers we encourage you to make a donation to a local food pantry or the Woof Lodge and Rescue.

The family would like to thank Fritz, the EMTs, first responders and the police for the lifesaving efforts given to Barb. We would also like to thank the employees and volunteers of Skaters Edge and The Gem Roller Rink for all they have done and also to Charles Ebben of Kleen Mark. For online condolences, please visit: [www.kesslerfh.com](http://www.kesslerfh.com).

To [send flowers](#) to the family, please [visit our floral store](#).

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## Services

### GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Tuesday  
June 21, 2022  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Skaters Edge  
5714 Integrity Way  
Appleton, WI 54913

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### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday  
June 21, 2022  
6:00 PM  
Skaters Edge  
5714 Integrity Way  
Appleton, WI 54913

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**A. Galle**

June 19, 2022 2:04 PM

Nick and Matt and Sue,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your dad and now your mom. They provided a fun and safe place to skate. Many memories. They will be missed.

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### Your Spectrum Family and Friends

June 16, 2022 2:08 PM

Designer choice green plant was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Becker by Your Spectrum Family and Friends. [Send Flowers](#)

*Nick and Family,  
So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with and your family.  
Your Spectrum Family and Friends*

**Kris Wall Friesner**

June 13, 2022 1:17 PM

I have known Barb and Dean for over 30 years. I found them a true delight. Barb complained about Dean in one room while Dean complained about Barb in another. And that girl could talk the leg off a chair!. But... they were a loving couple who actually respected and adored each other and it came through in everything they did, always together. I had a nice long chat with Barb at the RSA convention. Mostly about Deans passing and their new dog. I liked them both immensely and they always took the time to chat. I will miss them both. Prayers for your family.

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**Cort C Wahlig**

June 9, 2022 11:32 AM

My condolences to the family. As a fellow rink operator and RSA member, It was always a pleasure to talk to Barb and Dean at convention or the American Championships. They will be missed.

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**Isaac Posselt**

June 8, 2022 8:12 AM

I was always a little on the shy side, and was terrified at trying to talk to new people, Barb always made me feel welcome even when she was dealing with the death of her own husband. She was always good at making you feel like a part of her family, I'd always listen to what she had to say, because it was something you could relate to. No one knows why she had to die, but I can assure you that she is in heaven talking with him now. Still a shock, but remember all the more the memories that made her, Barb.

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**Carol Knoll**

June 3, 2022 10:26 PM

Barb was always looking out for us at the rink. I babysat for Sue back in the 70s and spent so much time at the rink!! The Austins were family and Sue and Dean were always there for us. Barb will be missed but never forgotten.

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**Tammy Krauss**

June 3, 2022 10:07 PM

I have known Barb for so many years. She was always kind and funny and talk your ear off.. She will be greatly missed.

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