



Barbara J. Andretich

July 30, 1955 - February 12, 2024

Barbara J. Andretich, 68, of Manteno, passed away Monday, February 12, 2024 at her home.

She was born July 30, 1955 in Portage, PA the daughter of John E. and Colleen A. (Clinton) Vassas. On May 30, 1981 she married Richard Andretich in Chicago. She enjoyed shopping and spending time with her family.

Barbara is survived by her beloved husband, Richard Andretich; a daughter, Christina Andretich; sisters, Tammy and Kelly; brothers, Tommy (fiancée Angie Bonante) Vassas and John Vassas; as well as Bob and Judy Andretich.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, February 19, 2024, at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home from 11am until 1pm with burial immediately following at Elmwood Cemetery, Manteno.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Manteno, IL

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Tribute Wall

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“ *MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Barbara J. Andretich*



MR MRS - February 17, 2024 at 08:53 AM

GM

I went to Rich Central High School in Olympia Fields Illinois Class of 1973. I knew her as Barb Vassass from Richton Park. I'm Black. Barb, white. We were secretly. We were lovers. We'd meet by the water tower in Richton Park. Or one of her babysitting jobs. We couldn't resist one another. The world at that time was so hateful towards interracial relationships. Yet we explored one another and knock the racist stereotype to it's knees. The very last time I saw Barb was in the lunchroom right after the graduation ceremony. She was with her family. Briefly .We just glanced at each other. Side eye like. Then ventured to our perspective endeavor. I always wanted to reconnect with her because my curiosity & courage had developed. But it looks like I'm a dollar short and a day late. Story of my life. But I'm grateful Barb. Thank you very much for being you for being you. I know I see you again. Paradise heaven has no racist teaching hateful nonsense. We won't ever have to meet in the dark anymore. Because there is none. Barb. I'll see you when I get there. Peace.

Gregory McDonald

Gregory McDonald - May 18, 2024 at 10:34 PM