



## Paula Barker

August 21, 1931 - August 24, 2016

Paula Barker, 85, of Hot Springs, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 24th, 2016.

Paula was born Aug. 21st, 1931 in Chicago, IL to Frank Cressler and Rose Gerri. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Tommy O. Barker and her brothers Frank, Bill and Eddie Cressler.

Paula met her husband Tommy Barker in 1953 where they both worked as Radiologic Technologists at Vincent's hospital in Chicago, IL. They married shortly thereafter at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, and later moved to Hot Springs, AR. There they continued their lives together and raised their family. Paula was a devoted Christian and mother of five children while working full time in the medical profession until her retirement in 2001. She was well loved and respected within the community. Paula was a life-long and avid reader, enjoyed watching old movies, and most relished spending quality time with her large family. Being that she was a loving and caring individual, Paula saw only the best in each and every person she met. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son, Thomas Steven Barker of Hot Springs; four daughters, Donna Kimmerly and husband Tom both of Hot Springs, Tina Chriss and husband Brian both of Missouri, Alecia Lyford of Hot Springs and Andrea Meyer of Benton; grandchildren, Stephenie Freer, Renee Fechuch,

Cody Scheff, Brittany Kramer, Skyler Kimmerly, Emily Meyer and Michael Lyford; great grandchildren, Harlan Jones, Abigayle Jones, Neelah Agus, Madison Fechuch and Billy Kramer; and many close friends.

A Rosary will be 6:00 PM Friday August 26th with visitation to follow until 8:00 PM at Hot Springs Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday August 27th at St. John's Catholic Church with Father James West officiating. Burial will follow at Hollywood Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Daren Lyford, Mitch Morris, Billy Kramer and Mark Freer.

Honorary pallbearers are sister-in-law Esther Muncrief , Susan Barker and Dr. David Rogers.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Arkansas Hospice and to the staff of Lakewood Healthcare for their excellent care.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ There are few women who I have gained strength from and admired. I spent time with Mrs barker on the back porch drinking coffee and chatting about her life. She was beauty , strength and honor and I will miss her and cherish our time and all of her life stories. Strength , love and remembrance of family to those she left here on earth. See you again Mrs. Barker I know we will.

Jolene Muhovich - September 02, 2016 at 01:23 PM

SP

“ I knew her when I was an activity director & CNA while working at Lakewood. It has been a pleasure to help care for her. She had a beautiful personality. My thoughts are with her family & friends during this sad time.

Sherrie Pros - August 27, 2016 at 07:16 AM

DC

“ Dorris and Henry Cressler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paula Barker.



Dorris and Henry Cressler - August 27, 2016 at 12:25 AM

Candy Quast

“ So sorry for your loss. Paula could always find something to be cheerful about even in the face of adversity. She was one of a kind.



Candy Quast - August 26, 2016 at 10:16 PM

Candy Quast

“ Candy Quast lit a candle in memory of Paula Barker



Candy Quast - August 26, 2016 at 10:13 PM

TW

“ Tina Wagnanski lit a candle in memory of Paula Barker



Tina Wagnanski - August 26, 2016 at 05:31 PM

TW

Our sympathy is with your family at this hard time.  
Tina, Tana and Lonnie Casey

Tina Wagnanski - August 26, 2016 at 05:35 PM

KB

“ My condolences to Paula's family. Eternal rest and peace grant her O Lord, may perpetual light shine on her. Wonderful lady.



Kassandra Barker - August 26, 2016 at 02:41 PM

GB

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderfully kind woman, always smiling. She will rest forever now in the loving arms of Jesus.



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**Glenna Beck** - August 26, 2016 at 11:16 AM

SS

“ My condolences for the family May God grant you peace

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**sharon shelley** - August 26, 2016 at 11:01 AM

PJ

“ My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely Paulette Johnson

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**Paulette Johnson** - August 26, 2016 at 10:21 AM

SL

“ My heart and prayers go out to the family. I choose to believe she is now HOME with her Lord and Savior...



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**Stacie Layman** - August 25, 2016 at 08:25 PM

SK

“ You will be greatly missed. I'm so glad that we had the opportunity to know you, what an awesome lady! To the family: Grieve, but also stay strong for Paula. Always remember you will be reunited when the time is right. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Bill & Susan Kramer



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Susan Kramer - August 25, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paula Barker.



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August 25, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paula Barker.



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August 25, 2016 at 01:52 PM