



Barbara Elaine Denniston

August 3, 1952 - May 24, 2022

Barbara Elaine Denniston, 69, of Anderson, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday (May 24, 2022) at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was born on August 3, 1952, in Dover, Ohio, daughter of the late Gloria (Schrader) Funk and Wilford Funk. Barb married Michael Alan Denniston on June 22, 1974, and they enjoyed 39 years of marriage until Mike's passing in 2013.

The hallmarks of Barb's life were her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, her family, and her passion for music and children.

She graduated from Cambridge High School in 1970 and earned her bachelor's degree in education from Anderson College in 1974. She and Mike returned to Cambridge in 1975 where Mike joined the family business with his wife's parents and Barb began her decades-long career in teaching. She began her career as a first grade teacher, and liked to say that she was soon "demoted" to kindergarten, much to the joy and benefit of generations of children. Barb went on to teach kindergarten at St. Benedict School in Cambridge for over 30 years, until her retirement. She also taught piano lessons to many children in the area over the years and served as an accompanist for many students (especially her own children and their friends) at their solo and ensemble competitions.

Cambridge First Church of the Nazarene was Barb's home church for many years. She attended there faithfully, serving as pianist, organist, Sunday School teacher, and Caravan teacher for many years. She and Mike served together in music ministry, along with their children, in their home church, traveling to other churches, and through regular ministry at Cambridge Healthcare Center. In her retirement years, she attended South Bend First Church of the Nazarene and later Maple Grove Church of God in Anderson, Indiana where she also taught Sunday School, served in the music ministry, and served on the church board.

Barb's first desire was to know Jesus and to make him known to the world in everything she did. A servant at heart, she leaves a legacy in her loving family and her rich relationships with her many close friends for whom she prayed faithfully. She was our best soprano, the maker of the best Christmas cut-out cookies, one of those grandmas who would let you build a giant fort out of cardboard boxes and never take it down, and always the first person to turn to when you needed prayer or encouragement.

Barb is survived by her son, Timothy (Jennifer) Denniston of Granger, Indiana, and daughter, Sarah (Ryan) Jackson, of Anderson, Indiana; one grandson, Wilford Michael "Will" Denniston; siblings, Brenda (John) Aukerman of Anderson, Indiana, and Rick (Nancy) Funk, of Richmond, Indiana; her mother-in-law, Thelma (Brouse) Denniston of Frankfort, Indiana; and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews within her closely-knit extended family, all of whom loved her deeply and will miss her greatly.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 27, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 pm at Bundy-Law Funeral Home, Cambridge. The service will be at 11:00 am Saturday at the Cambridge First Church of the Nazarene, 533 Jefferson Ave., Cambridge, OH 43725. The Rev Andy Denniston and Ken Harper officiating. Burial will follow in Northwood Cemetery.

An on-line guest-book may be signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northwood Cemetery

10th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

MAY 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Services

MAY **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Church of The Nazarene
Madison Avenue
Cambridge, OH 43725

Tribute Wall

PE

“ *All I know is your glow, that beautiful smile every time I seen you. GOD BLESS YOU BARB.* ”

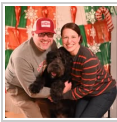


Pam Engstrom - May 31, 2022 at 11:57 PM

BN

“ *My mom recently found my kindergarten report card and gave it to me. Mrs. Denniston said it was a joy having me in class. I just want to say it was a joy having her as a teacher, as well. She cared about all of her students and will always have a special place in our hearts.* ”

Brook Nunn - May 29, 2022 at 07:07 PM



Thank you, Brook. That is so special. ❤️

Sarah Jackson - June 01, 2022 at 09:23 AM



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Bundy-Law Funeral Home - May 28, 2022 at 01:55 PM



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Bundy-Law Funeral Home - May 28, 2022 at 01:52 PM

RK

“ *I was so sad to hear of Barb's passing, but it is comforting to know that she is reunited with Mike once again. She was such a kind and caring person and a wonderful neighbor! I always enjoyed hearing her play the piano and your whole family singing together. Heaven truly gained another angel. May she rest in peace.*

Sincerely, Rod Kiser

Rod Kiser - May 28, 2022 at 09:04 AM

WW

“ *St. Benedict School was blessed to have such a wonderful teacher. Our prayers and sympathy to Tim, Sarah and all her family. Rest in peace, Barb. Winnie and Henry Wells and family.*

Winnie Wells - May 28, 2022 at 08:51 AM

LO

“ *I was so surprised to hear of Barbara 's passing. Barbara was such a kind and caring person. She will be missed by her family and friends. She grew up in a nice family and she and Mike raised a nice family. Sorry I couldn't come I have been sick.*

Sincerely,

Phyllis Mehaffey

Lori - May 27, 2022 at 08:19 PM

JB

“ I was just thinking about Barb and Mike and the whole family this past week, thinking about what an awesome family this is! Shortly thereafter I heard the news that Barb had gone home to be with Jesus. I could not believe it. Well, what a happy day for her! What a sad day for those who have to wait here a little longer. It won't be long.

Jann Bruning - May 27, 2022 at 03:29 PM

TM

“ Having Barb and Mike as our first neighbors across the street for our young family was such a blessing. Knowing when Barb would go for an evening walk in our neighborhood, she was praying for everyone on our street was special. Getting to hear Barb and Mike play the piano boisterously and sing hymns in the evenings was also a special treat. We're saddened to hear the news of her passing, but immediately thought of how happy Mike would be to see her wonderful smile again. We'll certainly cherish the memories and smiles till we meet again. Thank you Barb for all your prayers on Quail Hollow Dr. - Love, Todd, Brooke, Keegan & Marley Mathers

Todd & Brooke Mathers - May 27, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Elaine Denniston.



May 27, 2022 at 10:54 AM

JL

“ *Barb was a loving, dedicated servant of the Lord. She will be missed greatly, but thankful she is now praising the Lord as she sings in the heavenly choir. May the Lord provide His peace and comfort to her loved ones. Judy Lighty*



Judy Lighty - May 27, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Elaine Denniston.*



May 27, 2022 at 09:09 AM

LF

“ *I have not known her as long as many, but appreciate the time I did, and all that she offered and shared with our family. She had a kind, gentle spirit and will be greatly missed by many. Lois and Dennis Finster*

Lois Finster - May 26, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Barbara Elaine Denniston.*



May 26, 2022 at 07:29 PM

WS

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. Denniston was not only my daughter’s kindergarten teacher 8 years ago but also my kindergarten teacher over 30 years ago. She was an amazing woman and teacher who never lost her touch in the classroom. She will always be a favorite for both of us. Prayers for the whole family.

Wayne, Cassie, & Leslie Stevens - May 26, 2022 at 05:06 PM

PD

“ She was a wonderful teacher to both our children. She will be missed.
The Drotovick Family



Pam Drotovick - May 26, 2022 at 04:41 PM

SF

“ Barb and Mike and family were so important to the quality of life in Cambridge, and I am sure it has spread to Indiana! The school children of St Benedict Elementary School loved her, as did families, faculty and the extended community! CHS tennis was better for having Mike Denniston as their mentor and coach! Heaven's gain is our loss! Prayers for her repose and for comfort of the family!

Stevie and Don Fairchild - May 26, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Elaine Denniston.



May 26, 2022 at 01:22 PM

CH

“ *Condolences and Prayers lifted up for all of you. Heaven now has an angelic soprano in its choir.*



Cheri Harding - May 26, 2022 at 12:22 PM

RB

“ *Beautiful lady, loving wife, mother, teacher. She was so much a part of St. Benedict School and the Catholic Parish, one would never be able to say enough about her and her family. We continue to hold her in prayer and memory. May she rest in peace and may her family know of our blessing from the Lord she serve so faithfully. Rev. Robert D. Borer former pastor of St. Benedict Parish.*

Rev. Robert D. Borer - May 26, 2022 at 11:52 AM



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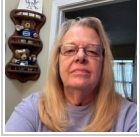


May 26, 2022 at 11:08 AM

RJ

“ *Deepest condolences from Rod Johnson*

Rod Johnson - May 26, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Sheila Daniel purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Barbara Elaine Denniston.*



Sheila Daniel - May 26, 2022 at 10:20 AM

BK

“ *Went to church with her at Maple Grove Church of God. She was a beautiful person inside and out. She always had a smile on her face. She will be missed dearly.*

Love & prayers,

Betty Knepp

Betty Knepp - May 26, 2022 at 10:16 AM

JW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We did not get to see Barb often but when we did I loved to talk with her. She was so warm, genuine, and kind. Just a beautiful person, inside and out, who loved Jesus and adored her family. Praying for all of you during this difficult time.*

Jim and Julie Williams - May 26, 2022 at 07:53 AM

RD

“ *We send our sincere condolences to her family. We are so very sorry to hear this. What a wonderful woman she was. She was my granddaughters ' kindergarten teacher at St. Benedict's School. A beautiful soul. May God give peace and comfort to her family.*

Ronald & Janice Dennis - May 26, 2022 at 06:33 AM

DF

“ *Delbert Snell & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara Elaine Denniston.*



Delbert Snell & Family - May 25, 2022 at 11:10 PM

KD

“ *My son, 16, was just saying Mrs. Denniston was his best teacher. She had a way of making every child feel cherished. Her quiet command of the classroom was remarkable. My deepest sympathy to her loved ones.*

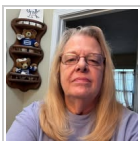
Kathy Dennis - May 25, 2022 at 10:08 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Elaine Denniston.*



May 25, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *Barb was my college roommate for Sophomore and Junior years. I was privileged to travel in a singing group with her in the summer of 1972. Barb was my maid of honor 49 years ago next month. Too many memories to put here. My greatest memory is her life and love for Jesus. Her smile, her laughter and her spirit. I will miss calling you on your birthday and our times of sharing our prayer needs. For Sarah and family, our love and prayers are with you.*

Sheila Daniel - May 25, 2022 at 09:15 PM

MW

“ We are blessed that both of our children had Mrs. Denniston as a kindergarten teacher at St. Benedict. She was an amazing teacher with the patience of Job. Her devotion to her Christian faith and to children was evident. Prayers to her family. Jamie, Melissa, Caitlyn & Christopher Wilson

Melissa Wilson - May 25, 2022 at 08:49 PM

DH

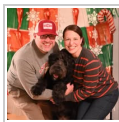
“ Mrs. Denniston was a teacher you never forget. It may have been kindergarten but I fondly recall memories and lessons learned. I still say “just a dot, not a lot” when referring to the amount of glue to use! Thinking about her family- the world lost a wonderful person.

Danielle Fahey Hundley - May 25, 2022 at 07:16 PM

CC

“ I join my sister, Jan Cain Castle, in recalling fond memories of Barbara and all of the Funk Family: Barb's sister, Brenda, was, and remains a valued friend, and I remember Rick when he was little running around their house. Prayers and good thoughts go out to all the family members.

Cliff Cain - May 25, 2022 at 06:52 PM



Thank you both!!!! ❤️

Sarah Jackson - May 29, 2022 at 07:10 PM

BM

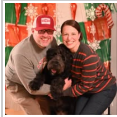
“ Barb, Brenda, and I were childhood friends on N 12th Street in Cambridge. We had so much fun playing on her front porch. We roller skated, played Barbies and the Barbie board game. We used the thorns on Gloria's rose's to give each other pretend shots. We learned how to walk on stilts. She had the kindest parents. Her little brother Rick later worked with my dad, George Long, at WILE radio. My mom, Mary Long, babysat Tim for awhile. Barb's faith is what I remember most. Her love for Jesus was so strong from childhood on. She taught my daughter, Monica, at St Benedict's. I last saw her at the 50+1 reunion last summer. She was always happy and smiling or singing. I will truly mourn her passing from this world. I know she has kept her eye on the prize and lives in the arms of Jesus forever.

Barb Long Mingione - May 25, 2022 at 06:40 PM

MW

Mrs. Dennison was a GREAT lady, a wonderful teacher, & a supportive mother. My thoughts and prayers to Sarah & all of her family. Marie Wilson

Marie Wilson - May 25, 2022 at 10:58 PM



Thank you, Barb! Mom kept those stilts her grandpa made her. We still have them. ❤️

Thank you, Marie. We appreciate your prayers and kind words. ❤️

Sarah Jackson - May 29, 2022 at 07:12 PM

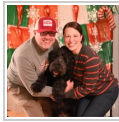
JC

“ I will truly miss Barbara - We enjoyed our time together at our 50+1 HS Reunion in Cambridge last summer. During Junior High, we spent after school hours at the library and then would meet my mom at the Municipal Utilities Dept. for a ride home.

I loved mom and dad Funk and remember Brenda and Rick. Brenda generously gave me her marching band bucks to wear! Rick, you were so young when I used to visit your house!

I wish I were closer than New Jersey and Cliff lives in South Carolina now, so we won't be able to pay our respects in Cambridge. To all of Barbara's extended family (and dear friends too), you are in the Cains' thoughts and prayers. With love, Jan Cain Castle

Janetta Cain Castle - May 25, 2022 at 06:12 PM



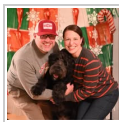
Thank you, Jan! ❤️

Sarah Jackson - May 29, 2022 at 07:13 PM

KF

“ I remember playing with Barb and Brenda at the Menges reunion at Winkleplex Grove in Sugarcreek Ohio. Two of the sweetest girls I ever met. My prayers to all of my cousins.

kathy feller - May 25, 2022 at 06:02 PM



Thank you, Kathy! ❤️

Sarah Jackson - May 29, 2022 at 07:13 PM

NG

“ *Barbara and I started Kindergarten together at Oakland School. We were in band together in high school. I have many wonderful memories of those days. But more than that she was our son Josh’s kindergarten teacher. Josh was more than challenging to say the least since he was a special needs child. Barb was the most caring and patient person in the world and supported Josh and our family in ever way. Her smile and laugh will always be remembered. She will be missed by many and has a special place in our family’s hearts.*

*Nena Green
The Green Family
Tom , Nena and Josh*

Nena Green - May 25, 2022 at 05:32 PM



Thank you, Nena. Mom always loved you and your family!!! ❤️

Sarah Jackson - May 29, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Elaine Denniston.*



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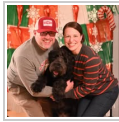
JS

“ We are so saddened to hear of the loss of sweet Mrs.Denniston! She taught our son Kindergarten at St.Benedict School and she was not only an outstanding teacher but an amazing person to match!! We loved her and she will forever be missed and never forgotten!! I'm certain she touched many peoples lives, just as she did ours! Condolences and prayers to her family and friends.

*The Sikora Family
Adam,Jennifer&Tate*



Jennifer Sikora - May 25, 2022 at 04:30 PM



Thank you all so much! ❤️

Sarah Jackson - May 29, 2022 at 07:14 PM