



# Barbara McKellar

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**B**arbara M. McKellar, 89, of Vandalia, IL passed away at 5:05 PM, Thursday, July 18, 2024 at SBL Fayette County Hospital Long Term Care.

Visitation will be held from 9:00-11:00 AM, Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Vandalia. A Private Graveside Service and Interment will be held at Fairlawn Cemetery, Vandalia with Rev. Robert Weaver officiating. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Vandalia or S.A.F.E. Organization. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.hohltandfilefh.com](http://www.hohltandfilefh.com).

Barbara Marie Rahn was born on February 18, 1935 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Ernest H. and Margaret A. (Pfleger) Rahn; Barbara's mother passed away at a young age, and she was raised by her father's sister, Irma and husband Roy Schlemmer in Mt. Prospect, IL.

She married the love of her life, James Todd McKellar on December 21, 1957. Together they celebrated 61 years of marriage and raised two children; he preceded her in death on February 25, 2019.

Barbara graduated from Monmouth College and taught at Lincoln Elementary School in Vandalia, IL before she and Todd raised their children. Afterwards, Barbara volunteered for over 25 years with the S.A.F.E. organization. She also was very active performing in numerous musicals with the Centralia Cultural Arts Society and her local community.

She was a devout member of the First Presbyterian Church of Vandalia where she was choir director for decades. Barbara was a doting grandmother, she loved spending time traveling, fishing, and boating with her family.

Mrs. McKellar is survived by her son, Michael McKellar and wife, Carol of Elgin; daughter, Meg and husband, Todd Marquardt of Vandalia; grandchildren, Olivia and Hayden Marquardt and



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Katie, Kristen, and Matthew McKellar; sister, Marilyn Gillette of Grand Rapids, MI; many, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and sister, Dorothy Anderson.



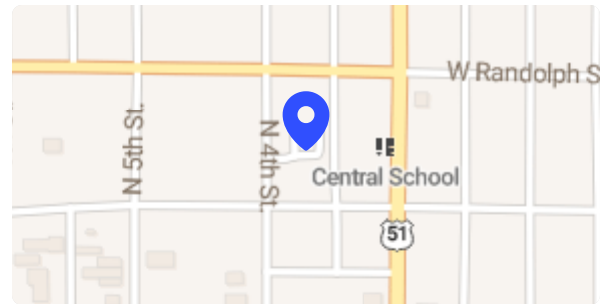
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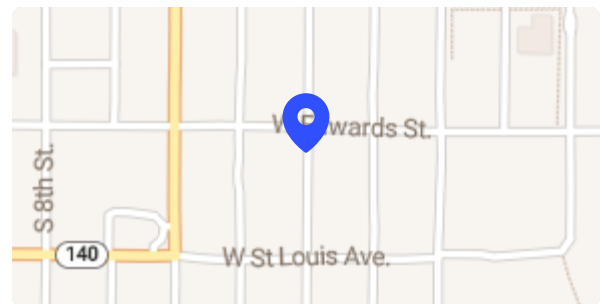
## Visitation

- Saturday**, July 27, 2024
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Ltd.**  
204 N 4th Street, Vandalia IL 62471



## Cemetery Details

- Fairlawn Cemetery**  
South 6th St, Vandalia IL 62471





# Tribute Wall

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**Steve Brungard** posted:

I remember her singing in The Sound of Music in Centralia. Barb, Mary Greer, Rick Stringer, Joe Dees, and myself riding down there for rehearsals with Joe driving. I believe she was in Hello Dolly also. Great voice. She was nervous about hitting that one high note, but she nailed it.

July 26 at 4:27 PM



**Andrew D.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Barbara.



July 25 at 2:16 PM



**Michael Bashem** posted:

Michael, Meg and your families, I am so sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to have met your Mother in the summer of 1985 after Michael and I graduated college. I'm grateful I had that opportunity! May God's Grace and Light comfort you all. Michael Bashem

July 23 at 10:50 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the McKellar family.



July 23 at 6:53 AM



**Dan And Jill Ahern** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barbara.



July 23 at 6:53 AM



**Susan (Cameron) And Bonn Phililps** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the McKellar family.



July 22 at 6:50 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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