



Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura

June 25, 1969 - February 5, 2026

Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura, age 56, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2026. She was born June 25, 1969 in Cleveland, OH.

Barb was known for her kind demeanor and devotion to her family and friends. Despite facing more than her share of health challenges, she chose to live life with a smile on her face. Always quick to offer help to those around her, she never shied away from taking challenges head-on.

Barb worked for many years at Giant Eagle, KinderCare, and Higbee's, making countless friends with co-workers and customers along the way. She doted on her dogs and found happiness in spending time with children. Barb's latest enjoyment came from the simple pleasures of sharing a good meal and a picturesque summer sunset with her husband. Those who knew her will miss her dearly.

She is survived by her husband of 18 years, John Kostura; mother, Kelly Hotchkiss; sisters, Shannon (Dave) Wasshausen and Kim (Philip) Tralies; brother, Mike (Ashley); mother-in-law, Ella Kostura; brothers-in-law, Donald (Tammy) Kostura, Randy (Brenda) Kostura, and Jason Kostura; sister-in-law, June (Mike) McCall; and nieces and nephews Caroline, Danielle, Eric, Ben, Lauren, Emily, Carter, Michael, Josh, Matthew, Kaylie, Michael, Bryan and Emily.

Barb was preceded in death by her father, John David Hotchkiss and father-in-law, Donald Kostura.

The family will receive friends from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A funeral service will follow at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Breakthrough T1D, Northern Ohio Chapter, PO Box 6825, Hagerstown, MD 21741-6825; online at www.breakthrough1d.org

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
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Funeral Service

FEB 15. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura.

February 13 at 11:08 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura.



February 13 at 11:08 AM



“ She earned her well deserved place in Heaven
Bobby

robert pavlish - February 12 at 05:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura.

February 12 at 08:49 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura.



February 12 at 08:49 AM

MB

“ RIP Barbie...Love You 🙏

Michele Blazetic - February 11 at 08:24 PM

KF

“ Kevin Flynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura.

Kevin Flynn - February 11 at 02:21 PM

KF

“ Kevin Flynn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura.



Kevin Flynn - February 11 at 02:21 PM

KP

“ Barb was a kind hearted person. We had many laughs together. She was taken to soon. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



Kathy Parker - February 11 at 09:20 AM

KA

“ Kathy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura.

Kathy A. - February 10 at 11:03 AM

KU

“ I'm so sorry. Barb has been a dear kind friend since junior high school at Shore. I always appreciated Barb, she was a very good person. I hope she is at peace. 🙏❤️

Kelly Ulrich - February 10 at 09:42 AM

MH

“ Barb was such a sweet girl and always had a smile on her face. She was so kind, rest in peace Barb 🕊️



Marcy Hunter - February 10 at 09:13 AM

MO

“ I adored her. I always looked for her when I shopped at Giant Eagle. May her memory be a blessing always!

Michelle O. - February 09 at 10:42 PM

MS

“ My family knew Barb from Kindercare from 30 years ago. She was so good to our children while they were there. I was Facebook friends with her for a long time as well, and it's heartbreaking to hear she passed. Condolences to her family.

Mary Jo and Rick Stark - February 09 at 08:48 PM

DP

“ Dave and Kay Perrine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura.

Dave and Kay Perrine - February 09 at 06:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara (Hotchkiss) Kostura.*



February 09 at 06:40 PM



“ *Barb was the sweetest kindest person you could know. She always brought a smile to your face rest easy my friend*

Michelle Burgess - February 09 at 05:17 PM



“ *My condolences to Barb's family.
She had a kind smile and liked everyone she met.
She can rest now.*

Wynne - February 09 at 04:05 PM