

# Roberta “Bobbi” Barry

*September 14, 1951 ~ August 30, 2023*

In the warm embrace of her loving family, we said goodbye to Roberta “Bobbi” Barry, whose kindness and love illuminated our lives.

Born on September 14, 1951, in Appleton, Wisconsin, Bobbi was the cherished child of Robert and Mabel (Meg) Barry. She attended Primary and Secondary Catholic schools in Manitowoc, Sun Prairie, Oshkosh, and Wisconsin Rapids, finally achieving a BS Degree in Physical Education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

From the earliest years, Bobbi was the family's undisputed athlete, making every sport appear effortless. Her heart belonged to gymnastics, softball, and cheerleading, but her passions extended to art, photography, hiking, cross-country skiing, water skiing, and those delightful runs with her loyal canine companions.

Bobbi's journey led her to marry Kirk Denis in July of 1979, at Kirk's family cottage on Lake Pleasant in Coloma, Wisconsin. Their life path took them to Boise, Idaho, and eventually Salt Lake City, Utah, where they welcomed their son, Nikko, in 1988. Despite their divorce, Bobbi and Kirk nurtured an enduring friendship.

As a devoted single mother, Bobbi's unwavering commitment to providing for Nikko was her driving force. She was a testament to strength, both in body and spirit.

Bobbi's true calling lay in the fitness industry, where she ignited a passion for self-improvement in those she touched. Her unique ability to comfort and connect with people formed deep and lasting bonds with her clients.

Her heart thrived in her garden, a sanctuary she crafted over the years. Often, she chose the comfort of her beautiful home, surrounded by her faithful canine companions.

Animals held a special place in Bobbi's heart, and her advocacy for their welfare knew no bounds. At any given time, she would have a trio of dogs by her side. (Her mother often joked that she wished to be reincarnated as one of Bobbi's beloved dogs.)

Above all, Bobbi's greatest love was for her family. Family reunions were an annual highlight, and her immediate family, son Nikko, daughter-in-law Jordyn, and their two cherished children, lovingly referred to her as "GranBob." Bobbi lived for their school performances, baseball games, dance recitals, and holiday gatherings.

Bobbi's love and compassion extended far beyond her family circle, leaving an indelible mark on countless lives. She departed this world, leaving it a better place, a testament to her abundant spirit of gratitude and joy.

She leaves behind her mother, Meg, son Nikko, daughter-in-law Jordyn, adored grandkids Beck and Indie, sister Pat (Corrigan and Cassie), brother Mike (Jimmy and Jessie), sister Beth (Bob Newton and Jonah), companion Vanessa, as well as a multitude of friends and family members who treasured her. In their hearts, they vow to carry forward her legacy of love, inspiration, and kindness.

On September 14, 2023, we will gather at Bobbi's home in Cottonwood Heights to celebrate her life. Bobbi's yard, her sacred space, will be the backdrop to this celebration of a life well-lived. Dogs are most welcome to join us.
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