



## Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer

June 16, 1966 - April 8, 2021

You know the saying, "Live, Laugh, Love!" If you knew Barbie, then you also know what that saying looks like when fully embraced in life. Barbie (Barbara Harris Kremer) not only lived, laughed, and loved herself, but she taught many others to do the same. She will be remembered for living her Christian values as a servant and volunteer, especially through her commitment to youth and children ministries at West Market Church. She will be cherished for laughing so often with her friends, even through some of the bumpiest patches of life. And she will be appreciated for loving her family deeply, especially her sons Jake (Jacob Harris Kremer) and Ben (Benjamin James Kremer).

Barbie's greatest joy was spending time with her boys, especially watching Jake perform with his band and playing golf with Ben. Barbie's devotion to her boys was inspired by her own experiences growing up in Delaware as the only child of Charles "Chuck" Harris and Janet "Jan" Lane Harris. When family wasn't around, Barbie surrounded herself with friends, whether visiting them in Delaware or drawing them to her locally with a simple text saying, "the deck is open."

Barbie's energetic nature prevented her from being idle (even through her bout with breast cancer). So, when she wasn't living, laughing and loving with family or friends, Barbie was serving others or working. When her boys were young, Barbie served as a leader in children's missions at West Market Church. Later, her focus shifted to leading small groups of teens, Financial Peace University, and Bible Study Fellowship, becoming a mentor to many. Recently, she was able to combine her passion for youth and her love of golf by becoming the head coach for Grimsley High School's girls golf team.

Barbie graduated from East Carolina University with a BS in Cellular and Molecular Biology and an MA in Technical and Professional Communications. This background led to her initial career as a technical writer. At the time of her passing, Barbie was employed by Noregon Systems as a Senior Process Analyst, using not just her writing experience, but her skills as a communicator and coach. She had also recently started her own business, Kremer Financial Coaching, working evenings and weekends to guide her

clients to “financial peace.”

Barbie was taken from us prematurely on April 8, 2021, at the age of 54, as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident while visiting friends in Wilmington, NC. She is survived by her sons Jake and Ben, her parents Chuck and Jan, her uncle, William B. Harris and wife Gloria of Cincinnati, her aunt Phyllis B. Harris of Hendersonville, and several cousins.

Barbie’s family will receive visitors at Forbis and Dick, 1118 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, on Friday, April 16, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held at West Market Street United Methodist Church, 302 W. Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27401 on Saturday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m. Covid safety practices, including wearing masks and appropriate safe distancing, will be required for all those in attendance. The service will also be live streamed through the church’s facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/wmsumc>

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Barbie’s honor to one of the organizations that meant much to her during her life: West Market Street UMC Family Ministry, Cone Health Cancer Center for the Alight Program, or Fellowship Hall, Inc.

# Events

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**APR**   **Visitation**                      06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Forbis & Dick Funeral Service - North Elm Chapel  
1118 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC, US, 27401

**APR**   **Memorial Service**    11:00AM

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West Market Street United Methodist Church  
302 W. Market Street, Greensboro, NC, US, 27401

# Comments

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“ Barbie was my financial coach. I wasn't seeking one, but when I met her and she told me what she did, I wanted her help. Her work with me is something that I consider to be the single most healing thing in my life. I'd always avoided facing money. It was a tangled up mess to me. She worked in varying layers to help me find out what kept me from financial peace. She spent time with me and she was gracious with me and she was honest with me. She affected my life in a powerful way that is transforming my life. What I learned from working with Barbie and the financial confidence I found, that has affected my personal confidence in every way, will always be with me. To me, Barbie, is one of the most incredible people I'll meet and work with in my life, and I will always remember her and be thankful for her and to her. I am sorry for all of our loss.

**Rachel Walters** - May 17, 2021 at 04:54 PM

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“ I worked with Barbie during VBS for many years at West Market Street. She was always a fireball of energy. Her positive attitude and joyous spirit made everyone love being around her and working with her. She loved her boys and her church. No doubt God has big plans for her in Heaven.

**Beth Loseke** - April 19, 2021 at 08:55 AM

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“ I met Barbie years ago through West Market Church and although had lost touch over the past few years she indeed is someone you never forget. A positive, encouraging, fun beautiful light that I was fortunate to know. She will be incredibly missed among all whose lives she touched. My deepest sympathies to her precious boys and parents.

**Julie Lea** - April 18, 2021 at 02:52 PM

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“ Chuck and Jan,  
I did not know Barbara but she would have had to have been a wonderful person. I did not know when the funeral was but I could not go, it would have been more than I could handle. Death of anyone is an emotional nightmare I can not imagine trying to deal with the death of a child.

My thoughts are with you.  
Jack Miller

Jack Miller - April 17, 2021 at 02:40 PM

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“ It is with a heavy heart but a joyful demeanor I write these words. Barbie inspired me to keep on being me! I met her at BSF in the leadership circle and I enjoyed her insight and her questions. She didn't dress up what she said and I sooo loved that about her. Our hearts are heavy but my soul rejoices knowing where she is now! To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Prayers for the family and her children!

AuroraTurner & Velma Evans



Aurora Turner - April 16, 2021 at 05:59 PM

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“ The Oglesbys (Ike, Ayesha, Aaron & Isaiah) purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer.



The Oglesbys (Ike, Ayesha, Aaron & Isaiah) - April 16, 2021 at 01:01 PM

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“ Barbie had the remarkable ability to inspire us to be better and to do more, while also assuring us that we are already enough, already special. We met through Jones PTA and I am so grateful for the laughter and tears we shared during our playground chats. Her infectious joy, caring spirit and leadership will be greatly missed. I offer my deepest sympathy and prayers to all who love her. May we forever try to be more like Barbie.

Candace Harrison  
Greensboro, NC

Candace Harrison - April 16, 2021 at 09:25 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Chuck and Janet, their grandsons, and everyone who loved Barbie. I know there are no words that can fill the space left in your hearts by this tragic and untimely loss. Barbie was an inspiration. In addition to having fond memories of her from childhood, I'll always remember her as someone who was committed to doing great things. From the time we were kids, she knew she wanted to become a doctor and find a cure for cancer. Although her focus eventually changed, she didn't leave without making an indelible mark on this world with the love she shared with those around her. I remember her as someone who always greeted you with a big, bright smile, personality plus, and a cheerful disposition. She was confident. She knew exactly who she was and was comfortable being that person. She put on no false pretenses. You never had to wonder what she was thinking. With Barbie, what you saw was what you got. Her mind was like a steel trap. She questioned everything and had a razor-sharp wit. The years have turned into decades and the many miles of separation between us as adults caused us to drift apart, as cousins often do. But after reading the countless facebook tributes describing what a remarkable person she was, I now see that this was my loss and will be my regret going forward. This has been a terrible shock that no one ever predicted or saw coming. How different our actions might be if we could know the last time we saw someone would be our last time seeing them in this world. I'm grateful for God's promise that this life is not the end. May He bless those closest to her with peace and comfort until we all meet up again in Heaven someday! R.I.P. Much love to all of you!

Timothy Wade Corder  
San Diego, CA

TIMOTHY CORDER - April 15, 2021 at 05:37 PM

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“ The Bigwood Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer.



The Bigwood Family - April 15, 2021 at 09:23 AM

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“ My heart is heavy because a light has gone out from this earth called Barbie. I will miss her very much. This week I made a playlist of songs on YouTube called “Barbie.” One song she loved to dance to was September by Earth, Wind, and Fire. I included it in my Zumba playlist to dance to and remember her. Dance on my friend! I’ll see you again one day.

Beth Ashworth - April 15, 2021 at 06:15 AM

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“ Beth Ashworth lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer



Beth Ashworth - April 15, 2021 at 06:07 AM

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“ I am so glad that me and daughter got to know Barbie. I live on the corner of her street. We had so many wonderful conversations! She was so full of life (I imagine she still is full of life in heaven!) I am so grateful that I connected with her at the end of March. She was basically ordering me and my daughter to come and hang out on her deck:)  
What a wonderful example she was on how to live a full life! I will miss her walking by my window as I do the dishes and shouting at her and her responding with, “Hey lady how are you?” Her boys and the whole family will be in my prayers.

Tiffany Drafz - April 15, 2021 at 12:20 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer.



April 14, 2021 at 11:31 PM

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“ Barbie Kremer and I became friends at AT&T when she was a young woman. It was a wonderful gift to watch her mature and accomplish so much in her life. Above all else, she adored her boys, Ben and Jake.

Barbie never met a stranger or forgot a friend. She was always upbeat and encouraging. We last spoke when she reached out to me about a vacancy at Noregon. On the day of my interview, she and I talked in the Noregon parking lot about how much she enjoyed working there. I know her Noregon colleagues will also miss her terribly.

Robin Gitlin

Robin Gitlin - April 14, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer.



April 14, 2021 at 07:45 AM

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“ My heart is so heavy and shocked with this sad news. Barbie you'll be missed but I know we'll see you again one day. My heart and prayers go out to the family. My your faith and memories help bring you peace.

Sharon Van Kemp - April 13, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Barbie Pics



**Natalie** - April 13, 2021 at 06:14 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. I will be holding you in my heart and my prayers.

**mike yow** - April 13, 2021 at 02:41 PM

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“ Such an amazing woman with the most original “takes” well, just about anything she ever shared - always with depth, care, compassion & humor & with a great laugh tossed in - truly feel for all grieving with you - a one in a million woman...



**Helen Hayes Hoffman** - April 13, 2021 at 01:52 PM

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“ Anupama N. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer.



**Anupama N.** - April 13, 2021 at 01:40 PM

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“ Chris and Pat Koontz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer.



Chris and Pat Koontz - April 13, 2021 at 01:34 PM

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“ Noregon Sales Solutions Team purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer.



Noregon Sales Solutions Team - April 13, 2021 at 01:02 PM

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“ My life will be forever richer having known Barbie. Always there to lift me up with kind and encouraging words. You've been taken too soon dear friend. Lifting your boys up in prayer. Always. Harold Ashworth

harold ashworth - April 13, 2021 at 12:58 PM

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“ I worked with Barbie at Noregon for a few years. Her presence induced profound comfort and joy. She conveyed a genuine sense of interest and concern for the well being of all of those around her. I will cherish our stories and laughs. My heart and prayers go out to her family and friends. She was a most integral part of what made Noregon such a fun and exciting place to work and she will be dearly missed. Rest in peace Barbie.

Paul Smith - April 13, 2021 at 12:52 PM

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“ Barbie has been a very dear friend to many in Greensboro. Her energy, humor, intelligence, and her "can-do" approach to life was an enormous inspiration to me personally and to many. She stepped up to help whenever she could and for that I am forever grateful to have known her. My sincere deepest sympathy goes out to her family, especially her two sons, who she was so very proud of. May you all be comforted by the wonderful memories.

**Donna Weaver Miller** - April 13, 2021 at 11:18 AM

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“ Jaci Betts lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer



**Jaci Betts** - April 13, 2021 at 11:05 AM

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“ Weaver Music Production Boosters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Harris Kremer.



**Weaver Music Production Boosters** - April 13, 2021 at 10:38 AM

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“ Kathy Brown lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer



**Kathy Brown** - April 13, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ My day was ALWAYS made better if I saw Barbie. She was forever encouraging, funny, real, and genuinely wanted to know how I was. I will miss her smile and laugh, her honesty, and how welcome she always made me feel. My sincere condolences to her family.

**Ed Morgan** - April 13, 2021 at 10:08 AM

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“ Maryann Burditt lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Barbie" Harris Kremer



**Maryann Burditt** - April 13, 2021 at 09:55 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Harris Kremer.



April 13, 2021 at 07:09 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Harris Kremer.



April 12, 2021 at 09:36 PM

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“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Barbara Harris Kremer.



April 12, 2021 at 06:59 PM