



Margaret G. Barbeln

August 31, 1939 - February 16, 2026

Margaret G. Barbeln nee Wagner, age 86, of Park Falls, passed away peacefully at Park Manor Nursing Home on Monday February 16, 2026. Margaret was born on August 31, 1939, to Joseph P. and Katherine (Korkowski) Wagner in Millerville Township, Minnesota. Her early life and schooling were in the Millerville area. She met her husband, Ivan, on a blind date in St. Michael, MN, where she was working as a nanny for a family there. She and Ivan were married on May 10, 1958, at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Millerville. She lived with her family in St. Michael, MN until 1968 when they moved to Park Falls where Ivan built the Holiday Gas Station. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and the American Legion Auxiliary. In her younger days she enjoyed bowling and dancing. She and Ivan could be found on many Saturday nights dancing away to old-time music. The past few years she had been living at The Waterford Assisted Living facility where she enjoyed the many activities offered and visiting with the residents and staff. She especially enjoyed Bingo while there and even had her own special Bingo Card.

She is survived by her children; Brian (Jeni) Barbeln, Brenda (Joe) Oswald, Cindy (Tom) Lobermeier, Char Murphy, Alice Barbeln, and Paul (Cathy) Barbeln. Also, ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two more on the way, along with many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

She is predeceased by her parents, husband, and son-in-law, Dan Murphy. She is also predeceased by six brothers, Raymond, Florian, Ralph, Joe, Daniel, and Harold, her 3 sisters; Evelyn, Marcine, and Mary Ann.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11:30am on Friday February 20, 2026, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara will officiate.

Burial will follow at Nola Cemetery.

A visitation will be held on Friday February 20, 2026, from 10:00am until the hour of the service, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Legion Auxiliary or Catkins Animal Shelter.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.
www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Nola Cemetery

Park Falls, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
276 5th Ave South
Park Falls, WI 54552

Memorial Mass

FEB 20. 11:30 AM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church
276 S 5th Ave
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143
(715) 762-4494

Tribute Wall

YD

“ Aunt Margaret had a laugh that would make anyone laugh.... It was infectious!!! Our family loved when they would come for visits in the summer. I remember when they had a school bus which they converted into their mobile home for travels. It was awesome when it was my turn to sleep in the bus....(minus waking up with the cat looking at you)....I think the cats name was George? and I was scared sh**less! Whenever Margaret visited, Mom was sure to mistakenly call us girls"Margaret"for 1-2 weeks after she left. May your family find comfort in knowing she's reunited with Ivan and many loved ones in heaven. Our deepest sympathy to your entire family. Margaret was loved and will be deeply missed.

Yvonne and Mike Debilzen

Yvoone Debilzen - February 20 at 04:21 PM

DT

“ Aunt Margaret was a special person. We enjoyed the times we shared with her. As a little kid, I remember the excitement our family would have when Ivan and Margaret would come to visit. This continued through the years, and I enjoyed time spent with her and having the opportunity to visit cousins in Park Falls to go 4 wheeling. I know how close my mom was with Margaret, they can now share stories and be together again. My thoughts and prayers to all of you for the loss of such a special person.

Daryl and Angie Thoennes

Daryl and Angie Thoennes - February 20 at 03:33 PM

BZ

“ Bonnie Zoesch lit a candle in memory of Margaret G. Barbeln



Bonnie Zoesch - February 17 at 07:45 PM

BZ

Margret was a special lady. Rest in peace!

Bonnie Zoesch - February 17 at 07:49 PM

LR

“ Aunt Margaret made the best Godmother and phone buddy! We shared many many memories over the years. It's was the fastest ride home from work. Now you can join your Husband (Uncle Ivan) and the rest of your siblings. I'm sure the card games will continue. Always in my heart. Rest in peace! Love Linda

Linda Robeck - February 16 at 09:37 PM

GL

“ Margaret was a special lady. I have known her for years, but she became a special friend to my mom while they were at The Waterford. Their friendship was started late in their lives, which meant a lot to them. You will be missed, Margaret. ❤️🙏❤️

Ginny Luoma - February 16 at 07:56 PM

AH

Margaret was a very active member of the American Legion Auxiliary along with her daughter and granddaughter. Rest in peace Margaret 🙏

amy hulbert - February 17 at 12:24 AM

VL

Margaret, I can't count all the good times we had. Getting together in St. Micheal and one trip we made to Park Falls canoeing on the river. You and Ivan were the greatest friends. Your laugh is something I will never forget. Have fun getting together with all your family. God Bless. Vergene & Jerry

Vergene & Jerry Lippka - February 17 at 10:14 AM

BD

I knew Margaret from bowling and the Peace Lutheran end of month dinners. My husband, Dave, worked for Ivan at the Holiday gas station. Will miss her.

Bonnie Dryer - February 20 at 05:17 PM