



Leslie Barna

July 5, 1961 - October 29, 2021

Leslie Ann Barna

(nee Sorensen)

Age 60, of East Brooklyn, IL passed away Friday, October 29, 2021 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL. Born July 5, 1961 in Joliet, IL. Leslie was a caring nurse for the past 40 years. She previously worked for Silver Cross Hospital and Loyola Medical Center. She worked currently as the stroke coordinator at St. Joseph Medical Center, where she won the Life Saving Partners Award in 2018. Leslie was a passionate patient advocate, even serving her surrounding community as a home health nurse for the past two years. She was an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Blackhawks fan. She was a devoted alumni of Gardner South Wilmington High School and continued her love of sports by supporting her daughters and their fellow Kohawks at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA. Leslie's greatest love was her daughters, Sophie and Celia, and being able to see them continue her legacy as nurses themselves. She was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church in South Wilmington. Surviving are her mother, Estelle (nee Sarti) M. Sorensen of East Brooklyn, IL; two daughters, Sophie Barna and Celia (Carter Rodman) Barna, both of Cedar Rapids, IA; two brothers, Greg (Mona) Sorensen of South Wilmington and Steve (Cathy) Sorensen of Gardner; four special nieces and nephews, Nicole (Aaron) Halpin, Krista (Bobby) Netrval, Josh Sorensen, and Jamie Sorensen; and numerous great nieces, great nephews, and special fur friend, Chewy. Preceding her in death was her

father, William H. Sorensen; and uncle and aunt, Mario and Ruth Sarti, Jr. Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, November 4, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Kevin Boesen officiating. Interment will follow in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the family, South Wilmington United Methodist Church or to the Donor's Choice.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CR

“ Leslie was the home healthcare nurse and patient advocate for our husband and father Lester Rury this past year. She would calm him down when no one else could. She would sit, hold his hand, listen and softly speak to him. Leslie also spent hours on the phone, after a long days work, talking with my sister Carina about my Dad and helping put our concerns at ease. Leslie was not only our Dad’s “Angel on Earth”, she was a dear friend to the entire family. Heaven has now reclaimed their Angel. She will truly be missed by us all. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Lester, Karen and all the Rury Family - Carina, Chris, Craig, Curt and Collette

Christine Rury - November 04, 2021 at 05:33 PM

JD

“ Janet Ditello lit a candle in memory of Leslie Barna



Janet Ditello - November 04, 2021 at 03:22 PM

TF

“ Tami Finn lit a candle in memory of Leslie Barna



Tami Finn - November 04, 2021 at 01:08 PM

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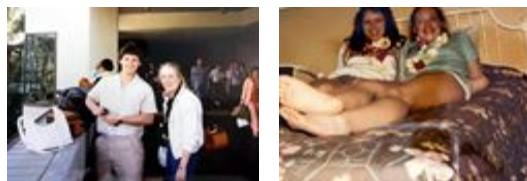
“ Leslie was amazing! As a doc in the ED at Saint Joseph Medical Center, every stroke patient was met with such great care in the ED. She always responded to stroke alerts quickly and was making decisions along side me within minutes which as most people know is so critical for stroke cases. She was caring and loving and was a wealth of knowledge. So crucial for an ER doc. She will be missed and her passion will be gone, but her legacy will continue at Saint Joseph's.

Steven Zahn, MD

Steven Zahn, MD - November 03, 2021 at 04:06 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - November 03, 2021 at 11:45 AM

LJ

“ Leslie was my Home Health Nurse this year when I had heart surgery. I was SO blessed to have her. She knew my sister, Sherry Gramse MSN who mentored Leslie as a beginning Nurse. Small world! God works wonders. I will never forget the loving person who helped me so much. God bless Leslie and her family. P.S I like bed her orange jeep!!!

Lynn Jencon - November 03, 2021 at 09:30 AM

SG

“ *Leslie was the smartest nurse I ever knew. I precepted her at Silver Cross Hospital when she was a new nurse. She was an amazing nurse and I am so saddened by your loss.*
Sherry Gramse, RN, MSN



Sherry Gramse - November 03, 2021 at 09:27 AM

JH

“ *Jody Henderson lit a candle in memory of Leslie Barna*



Jody Henderson - November 02, 2021 at 10:35 PM

LO

“ *With deepest sympathy, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Linda Treasure Offerman - November 02, 2021 at 09:59 PM

GE

“ *Leslie will forever be remembered for her unyielding care of stroke patients and their families.*



Gwen Ensworth - November 02, 2021 at 09:38 PM

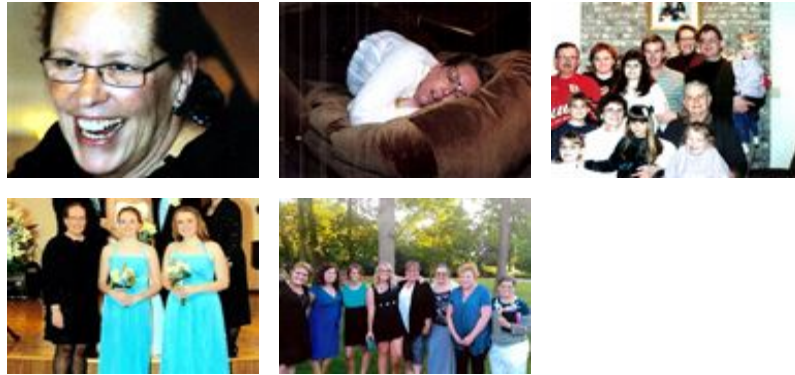
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“ *Leslie had an effusive energy and passion for her work, and it was abundantly clear to all that met her that improving stroke care was truly her life's work. She will be sorely missed at St. Joe's. The efforts she has made to advance stroke care will be felt by patients for years to come -- not only at St. Joe's, but across the community and region. The ED team sends our deepest condolences to the Barna family during this difficult time.*

Adnan Hussain - November 02, 2021 at 09:06 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - November 02, 2021 at 02:41 PM

ME

“ *Meredith lit a candle in memory of Leslie Barna*



Meredith - November 02, 2021 at 08:30 AM

ME

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. Leslie was a great friend, leader, guide, and mentor. I am so lucky to have had the opportunity to work along side her. She was an absolute force and an advocated for all. She is already truly missed. She enriched so many lives and was so easy to talk to. I wish her family peace and healing.

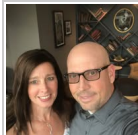
Meredith - November 02, 2021 at 08:30 AM

BS

“ Brenda Wren Schock lit a candle in memory of Leslie Barna



Brenda wren Schock - November 02, 2021 at 01:15 AM



“ Leslie was an incredible nurse and phenomenal person. I loved working with her . My thoughts and prayers are with her family.



Laura Messineo - November 01, 2021 at 08:37 PM

KA

“ Karen Passini Anderson lit a candle in memory of Leslie Barna



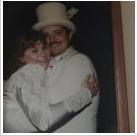
Karen Passini Anderson - November 01, 2021 at 08:36 PM

DK

“ *Destini Korelc lit a candle in memory of Leslie Barna*



Destini Korelc - November 01, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *Julie Cobb-Grivetti lit a candle in memory of Leslie Barna*



Julie Cobb-Grivetti - November 01, 2021 at 03:22 PM