



Kathryn Sue Kowalski (Barcus)

March 23, 1957 - March 16, 2026

Kathryn Sue Kowalski (Barcus), born March 23, 1957, in Dayton, Ohio, passed away on March 16, 2026, surrounded by love. Kathryn was a vibrant soul whose warmth, laughter, and kindness touched everyone who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Nancy Barcus; her siblings, Linda, Dave, and Dale; and her beloved dog, Bailey, who held a special place in her heart.

Kathryn is survived by her loving husband, Jerry “Toots” Kowalski; her daughter and son-in-law, Cigi and Darryl McLendon; her cherished grandchildren, Ayn, Joelynn, and Bently; her sister, Anne; her sister-in-law, Chris; and many extended family members and dear friends.

Kathryn found joy in life’s simple pleasures. She loved shopping, spending time by the ocean, watching NASCAR, and socializing with friends. In her retirement in Florida, she built meaningful friendships and embraced life with happiness and ease. She was known for her strong, outspoken personality—never afraid to speak her mind, always bringing honesty, humor, and a little extra spark to every conversation.

Her presence brought light and laughter to those around her, and she will be deeply missed but lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Every time I hear Kathy's name it puts smile on my face . I have some funny memories with her. RIP ❤️ Thinking of you Jerry & family ❤️



Lisa Ramsey - March 21 at 09:49 AM

AC

“ Angela C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Sue Kowalski (Barcus).

Angela C. - March 20 at 11:49 PM

KE

“ We had some fun times through the years. Rest easy beautiful.



Kelli Evans - March 20 at 08:13 PM



“ Rest peacefully, dear cousin, or, just be yourself! 😊 I sure am going to miss you and was hoping to see you this summer. 😞 You were always the one to get the party started, or to keep it going. To me, you were always someone I would gravitate towards for comfort when family got too uncomfortable. ❤️❤️❤️

Tami Vandasik - March 20 at 05:21 PM

AC

“ *Angela Collins lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Sue Kowalski (Barcus)*



Angela Collins - March 20 at 04:26 PM

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we had a blast all of us girls at the Eagles camp ground. Kathy was wild and crazy outspoken funny and a great friend she will be missed

Angela Collins - March 20 at 04:28 PM

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Oh and a golf cart NASCAR driver lmao 😂

Angela Collins - March 20 at 04:30 PM

CD

“ *Carol Durham lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Sue Kowalski (Barcus)*



carol durham - March 20 at 03:38 PM

RB

Sorry for the loss of such a nice person who always had a smile for everyone. God bless the family.

Ruth Bernier - March 20 at 03:45 PM