



## Barbara Linda Harris

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HARRIS, Barbara Linda. May 23, 2026. Age 79. Beloved mother of Donna Isbell and Robert Urso. Adored grandmother of Haley Isbell. Dear sister of the late Sharon Berg. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

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“ Almost 13 years ago, I became penpals with Barb through what can only be described as a beautifully cheeky beginning. I had written a middle-grade children's book, and Barb entered a competition to win a copy. When she didn't win, she didn't let that stop her—she messaged me privately and asked if I'd send her a free copy anyway. Over the years, plenty of people have asked me for free copies, but Barb was the very first. I found her audacity so charming and funny that I packaged up a paperback and put it in the post, fully expecting to never hear from her again.

About a month later, Barb messaged me. She told me the book had arrived, but that she didn't like it at all because it was "full of monsters." Her absolute, unfiltered honesty cracked me up. For some reason, that terrible review bonded us instantly. We became firm friends and went on to message each other at least once a day, every single day, for more than a decade.

We shared a deep, mutual love of books. If it hadn't been for Barb's insistent recommendation, I would never have discovered the time-travel novel 'Kindred' by Octavia Butler, which is now one of my all-time favorite books. Barb was a constant, hilarious, and honest fixture in my life. I miss her terribly already, but I am so deeply grateful for the day she decided to ask for that free book.

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**P J Taylor** - 36 minutes ago