



Barbara Jean Goff

January 13, 1929 - December 5, 2015

Barbara Jean Jeffery was born January 13, 1929, in Flint, Michigan, to Georgia and Preston Jeffery. By her own words, no one ever had a happier childhood with a more loving family. In high school, she attended Adelpian Academy in Holly, Michigan, then Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Barbara married Don Goff in 1948, and they joined most of her immediate family in moving to Fort Collins in 1951 (where she met her dear friend, Cathie Smith, the first night in town) when Jeff was six months old, a move that her children always thanked her for as the entire family thought of Colorado as the next thing to Paradise. Her daughter, granddaughter, and great granddaughter were all born in Poudre Valley Hospital.

Barbara loved being outdoors and was grateful to live in beautiful Colorado. Until the last few years, she enjoyed running the Colorado River (before Glenn Canyon Dam), hiking, camping, backpacking, downhill and cross country skiing, water skiing, glider soaring, still had a great time on her 14th tandem skydive at 79, and just walking every day for over 50 years--especially when she did these things with family and friends. She encouraged her son and daughter to appreciate the out-of-doors environment we can enjoy here.. .and they did. Her family was cherished above all else, and she considered good friends a great blessing in her life. She learned that people, not things, are important. She was constantly amazed by the kindness and goodness of

family, friends, neighbors. Good music and reading were also very important to her. Besides the Bible, the small book "Steps to Christ" was her favorite reading and she shared it's wisdom with many of her CSU Collegiate 4-H "walking buddies" through the years.

While still working, Barbara greatly enjoyed traveling with her family whether it was a Boundary Waters canoe trip with Jeff or to Hawaii or Disney with Janna and Aecian. An unexpected bonus after her retirement was the opportunity to travel to many states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and to England to visit good friends, then to Mexico, Costa Rica, much of Canada, and the Amazon area, many of these trips with traveling friend Mary Lou Peckham.

Barbara was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through over sixty years in the Fort Collins church she enjoyed service as youth leader, three children's divisions' leader, Vacation Bible School director, Beebe Christian School Board secretary/treasurer, Home and School leader, accompanied junior choir, was church bulletin and monthly newsletter editors, PR Secretary, as well as church organist and pianist for over 30 years. Some very fond memories were of building our church and school, from hanging off the roof to paint the new gutters with Marj Kiefer to standing on scaffolding all day with a crink in her neck while she taped and textured the school room ceiling. Working with friends wasn't really work for her.

For almost 29 years she was on the State 4-H and Youth Programs staff at Colorado State University and considered that, too, to be a real "plus" in her life, maintaining contact with not only many staff member friends--Rita, Joan, Joan (pronounced Joanne), Courtney, Joy, the Brooks and Boyack families—but former CSU students throughout the world... Kathleen, Gladie, Susan, Peggy

Barbara is survived by her granddaughter and grandson, Aecian and Ryan Pendleton; great granddaughter Azelyn (Lyndy) Rae Pendleton, all of Fort

Collins; sister-in-law Virginia Pfeifle and nieces Cheryl Umlauf (Rick) and Carol Guajardo (Vic) and their families of Michigan:

Barbara was preceded in death by beloved family members: son, Jeff Goff, daughter, Janna Rae Dunning, brother, Bob, and parents.

Her desire was for her family and friends to celebrate her life, not mourn her death. The best is yet to come! She'll meet you at the slide.., bring your favorite picnic dish...

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 13. 2:00 PM (MT)

Seventh-day Adventist Church
502 E. Pitkin
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Aunt Barb and I reconnected after many years of estrangement. I am so glad we did and while we only communicated via email I enjoyed finding to about her life that that of the the family I have never met. She will be missed.



Greg and Katrina Ford

For those of you who have no idea who I am - Uncle Donald was my mother's older brother.

Katrina - February 26, 2016 at 10:45 PM

EK

“ Barbara was a truly beautiful person who loved and encouraged so many of us. When Merrill was so very sick, she was faithful with her cards to him and e-mails to me - always encouraging us both. In fact, when we brought Merrill back to the Montrose Hospital from the CU Hospital in Aurora, there was a card waiting for him when he checked in. We just looked at each other and said, "Barbara", before seeing the card.

Barbara is a wonderful example of how to age gracefully. She adored her family, and was always so appreciative of their care. I have long thought of her as "God's servant", and felt special to be included on her long list of those she prayed for regularly.

The world has been a better place because she was in it. My most sincere sympathy to you, Aeci, and your family. Ev Kaufmann

Evelyn Kaufmann - December 13, 2015 at 05:43 AM

RU

“ Aunt Barb was a kind and special person. She always sent cards for our anniversary, birthdays and holidays with words of encouragement. She was a friend, prayer partner, and confidant to my wife. I have fond memories of the spring break in Co skiing and that she wined and dined us and that she took time to spend with us. She will be missed, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rick Umlauf

Rick Umlauf - December 12, 2015 at 04:10 PM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jean Goff.



December 11, 2015 at 01:15 PM

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“ Barb's parents and our(Joan & Nan)parents were friends as young adults. So Barb has been a "lifetime" friend, the best I might add. We're kept "in touch" by phone and e-mail. She's been kind, uplifting and always positive. She will be missed, but we all have a promise that this is not all, very encouraging.

Our family sends our condolences to Aecian, Ryan and Lyndy. You all have been so close in your daily lives, how wonderful!

Blessings & love, Nan and Joan and our families

Nancy Sims - December 11, 2015 at 12:03 PM

SP

“ *There will never be anyone quite like Barbara. She was the epitome of efficiency and responsibility at 4-H, but she always had time to care for every person who passed through her office as well. She was the greatest cheerleader that Colorado 4-H ever had. I've missed seeing her walk down the trail, but know she is probably moving along at 100 mph. in heaven now. My sympathy to her beloved granddaughter and family.*

Stacy Poncelow

Stacy Poncelow - December 09, 2015 at 02:04 PM

MK

“ *Merrill and Ev Kaufmann purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Barbara Jean Goff.*



Merrill and Ev Kaufmann - December 09, 2015 at 01:17 PM