



Barbara Ann Lappin

October 14, 1937 - May 28, 2013

Barbara Ann Lappin of Fort Collins, Colorado peacefully passed away on May 28, 2013. She was 75. Barbara was born in Tonganoxie, Kansas to Bill and Hazel McGee. Barbara and her sister, Billie grew up in Tonganoxie and were two amazingly beautiful and talented kids. Rex Lappin was very fortunate when he met Barbara and was lucky to be her future husband! Barbara was a great student in Tonganoxie and ultimately earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the University of Kansas. While Barbara and Rex both were faithful KU alumni, Barbara also developed a strong allegiance to the Oklahoma State University Cowboys during the years that their daughter, Renee and their son, Michael attended college in Stillwater. That allegiance lived on and it was great fun to watch Barbara OSU and Rex KU have their friendly rivalries, particularly during college basketball season. Barbara maintained a close relationship with Billie who married Tom Marshall and raised their kids Scott, Todd and Andrea in Texas. Renee gave Barbara and Rex two wonderful grand kids, Michael Jay and Joseph Phillip and the family is all thankful that Barbara and Rex also got to spend time with their great grandchild, Mickey. Barbara and Rex raised Renee and Michael in Oklahoma City and Edmond. During the Oklahoma days, they were known as a fun couple and hosted parties that were legendary amongst their families and friends. Barbara was active as a Girl Scout Leader in Oklahoma and influenced many young ladies. Rex worked for Munsingwear in Oklahoma for approximately 25 years and after retirement, Michael talked Barbara and Rex

into moving to Fort Collins, Colorado. While in Fort Collins, Barbara returned to her true love of teaching and worked with the Base Camp group. She worked primarily with very young children and specialized in working with those that had special needs. Barbara developed a series of physical problems in her later years but she was always amazingly strong and positive, and was an inspiration to those around her. Barbara and Rex were pet lovers and had a many special dogs over the years including Sundance 1, Sundance 2, Casey, and Cassidy. A memorial service will be held for Barbara at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at the Guthrie Christian Church, 1802 W Logan Ave in Guthrie, OK 73044. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations In memory of Barbara Lappin be made to help the recent tornado victims human & animal. Please consider donating to The Red Cross or the Animal Rescue Center, 7949 S I-35 Service Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73149.

Tribute Wall

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“ *continued 2 Her honesty and happiness was such a draw for both staff and kids wanting to be around her. I am lucky to have had the chance to have her in my life and hope that I am a better person for knowing her. All anyone can hope is to leave the world having made a difference. Barbara did that and she will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. My thoughts go to her family, I know how much she cared about them. I hope no one minds that I took 3 spaces but Barbara is this important to me. May she rest in peace.*

Stacy Hale - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ continuedWith all that she had to go through she always wanted to know if there was anything she could do to help out. Her green thumb efforts live on through the plants that she gave my mom and teaching us how to root and start more. She ran the green thumb club with the kids in our program without much help from me seeing how I have one of the blackest thumbs you will find. While visiting with fellow co workers that knew Barbara everyone had fond memories and fun stories to tell.

Stacy Hale - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Barbara and I worked together for many years at B.A.S.E Camp in many situations but most memorably at Shepardson Elementary. We maintained a friendship ever since then. She was such a positive and infectiously happy person to be around. We enjoyed sharing stories about our pets. When ever we talked she asked about my pets and family. continue to next entry

Stacy Hale - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ When my daughter started kindergarten at Washington Core Knowledge, I sent her to after school Base camp. Rachel was miserable the first several days... until the day Barbara loved on her and played games with her. That day was a turning point for Rachel that set her up to weather the move to the new building for Traut. Barbara didn't move with the school, but she gave Rachel the security to make the move. Barbara will forever hold a special place in my heart. Blessings to her extended family during this time of transition.

Linda Kingham - June 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM