



Barbara Jane Tuttle

January 12, 1926 - July 26, 2015

Barbara Jane (Kern) Tuttle went to be with her Lord on July 26 2015.

"Bobbie" was born at home on January 12, 1926 in Fort Collins to Harold and Ida (Spurlock) Kern. She had an older sister, Lois Elizabeth (Kern) Watson Alvarez and a younger brother, (Rev.) Lawrence R Kern.

Barbara attended Cache La Poudre School, graduating in 1944; Colorado A&M (CSU) and Emily Griffith Opportunity School. (While at CSU, she worked for the Forestry. Department. During her high school senior year, she filled in teaching kindergarten while faculty members joined the armed services.) She married her childhood sweetheart, Arthur "Delbert" Tuttle Jr. On November 10, 1944, during WWII at her parents home in Fort Collins. They later lived in San Raphael, California while Delbert was in the service at Hamilton Field. There she worked at PG&E (Pacific Gas and Electric).

After the war, they made their home in Fort Collins while Delbert worked at Markley Motors and Barbara ran a day care and stayed home with their child. They moved to Denver in 1955 where Delbert worked for Cullen Thompson Motors and Chrysler Corporation. Barbara worked first at Gates Rubber Company and for the Denver Department of Environmental Health. They moved back to Fort Collins in 1963. Barbara then worked for CSU in the Office of the Registrar, Pathology, Student Health and Conference Services (Office of

AID with foreign students) and First National Bank. In 1971, Barbara became the secretary for the Director of Social Services, retiring several times. She went to Eligibility Technician: became Medicaid Transportation: Division Manager Secretary; Family Support Technician. At Blue Grouse and Elderhaus she was Medicaid Benefits Helper. She was also a Notary. Her final retirement was at 80 years of age. She remained active on the Board for Office for Aging until her last year.

She received many awards from many places for her work and actions such as: "Caught in the Act" 2001, "Making a Difference" 2000; Grand Cross of Color (IORG); multiple leadership awards from Camp Fire Girls. And she was "Calendar Girl for the Work Force National Calendar 2004.

Barbara was active in organizations: Order of Eastern Star (Fort Collins and Sterling), White Shrine of Jerusalem of Greeley, Rebekahs (IOOF) of Loveland, Cache La Poudre Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Member, Board Member, Mother Advisor and District Deputy (Grand Cross of Color) for International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Member, board member, Leader of Colorado Camp Fire Organization (18 years). SSTABS, Professional Secretaries Association, Larimer County Genealogy Society: Office on Aging board member.

Her brother inspired her to find her family history. She and Delbert began a search for family roots that became a passion. They helped catalogue and put the cemetery listings of Larimer County on computer. They also assisted many others in family searches.

Barbara and Delbert made their home at 214 S Loomis (34 years). She moved to the Park Lane Towers in 2005 and was living there until January of the year when she went to the Nursing and Rehab Center of the Rockies (Blue Grouse, where she had previously worked).

Originally a member of Bethel Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, and American Baptist Church, she most recently attended and was visited by members of First Presbyterian in Ft. Collins.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Harold Russell and Ida (Spurlock) Kern; sister: Lois Elizabeth "Betty" Kern Watson Alvarez; brother: Rev. Lawrence Kern; husband: Arthur Delbert Tuttle Jr.; and niece, Vera (Watson) Sharp Selland.

Survivors are her daughter, Kathleen Tuttle (Greg Golovanoff); Granddaughters: Cassandra Slota (Jeff), Teresa Roseman (Kevin), Elizabeth Boesiger (Ben); Step grandchildren,: Nick Golovanoff (Sarah), Ben Golovanoff (Alicia), Tanya Golovanoff (Tom Distel), and Tina Golovanoff; Great Grandchildren: Heidi and Jonathan Young, Dylan and Harmony Roseman, Avery Boesiger; Step great grandchildren: Dominic Halvorson, Corben and Kaitlynn Golovanoff, Kord Goff and Evangaline Golovanoff, and Ellen Alyne Distel; nieces: Rebecca Jane Markle (Argus), Mary Beth Akers (Bill), Charlotte Lynn McCollister (JR); and nephew Greg Alvarez (Mary Schwedhelm).

There are also 2 "special girls" that she watched grow and who were like her own daughters: Katherine (Holtzinger) Bridwell and Nora (Wigle) Nicks. Her best friend from her years at Human Development was Mercella Barela. Her special friend in her golden years was the late Stan Tuhoski who took her to Europe in 2006.

She leaves behind a legacy of her work with youth and elderly. She had numerous friends and acquaintances. Some of the young women with whom she enjoyed activities are from 3 generations. "Mrs. Tuttle" touched the lives of many people as well as her family. She was well loved and will be

remembered and missed.

A Memorial Service will be held August 7, 2015 at 10:00 am at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 N. Olive, in Fort Collins with interment following at Grandview Cemetery on West Mountain (turn North to the fork after the bridge by the office.) Chapter 26 Order of Eastern Star and the Fort Collins Assembly #2 IORG will be assisting with the services.

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three; Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you are 600 ears old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on wht the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high grounds.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting. From the collection of Barbara Tuttle

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Tribute Wall

 Ellen Steffey

“ *.My thoughts and prayers are with you today and always.*

Ellen (Spurlock) Steffey



Ellen Steffey - August 04, 2015 at 04:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Tuttle.*



August 04, 2015 at 12:34 AM

 KJ

“ *I knew Barbara through Camp Fire Girls of America. She was always there for us girls, being an advocate and support to us young women in every and any way she could be. She did so much for that organization. Later, when I found myself a single mother, on my own, with two small children, she was always encouraging and wonderful to me. I will never forget her giving spirit - she is an inspiration indeed! Kim (Watson) Judith*

Kim Judith - August 02, 2015 at 06:41 PM

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“ I wish to thank Barbara's family for sharing her life with me as I met Barbara when she joined the Rebekah Lodge in Fort Collins. When my Husband, "Scottie" was installed as Grand Master of the Odd Fellows for the state of Colorado in 2007, Barbara wrote and narrated a skit for his program. She and her grandchildren helped the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows prepare and join us in the Fort Collin's "St. Patty" day parade one year. She was a wonderful person and I send my deepest sympathy to everyone in her family.

Carolyn Scott - August 02, 2015 at 02:19 PM

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My daughter Mary was in Rainbow Girls and thought Mrs. Tuttle was terrific. She used to take the girls all over the place on visitations - one even to the Black Hills of South Dakota!

Steve Wagner - August 02, 2015 at 11:12 PM

MA

I was on vacation and just now found out about Barbara. My condolences to her family. She truly was an angel in disguise. She gave me my first real part time job when she worked for the Larimer County Commissioner. I was only 17. And years later I met up with her when we both worked for CSU. She remembered me and I will never forget her.

Mary - August 10, 2015 at 03:39 PM