



Barbara A. McDermaid

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Barbara Sue Allen McDermaid (August 9, 1944 – August 20, 2020)

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt Barbara McDermaid of Tucson passed away August 20, 2020, the day she and her husband, Bruce, were to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. Born in Denver, CO and raised in Salt Lake City, UT, Barbara met Bruce in middle school through their church youth group and together they built a life of love centered on family. At the University of Utah, Barbara became a member of Alpha Phi International Women's Fraternity. After graduating in 1966, she worked as a fourth grade teacher in Salt Lake City before Bruce's career took them to the East Coast. Bruce and Barbara settled in Tucson in 1978. There, Barbara joined her mother as a member of P.E.O. Chapter AW, a philanthropic organization dedicated to women's education and advancement. The P.E.O. sisterhood fostered many lifelong friendships and remained an important part of Barbara's life until the time of her death. Along with holding numerous leadership roles in P.E.O., Barbara volunteered for the American Cancer Society Reach to Recovery program, making over 200 home visits to provide education and support to breast cancer patients. Additionally, Barbara was the quintessential "room mom," chaperoning numerous field trips and supporting her daughters Megan and Amy throughout their schooling and extracurricular activities.

There was no greater joy in Barbara's life than being with her family. Following Bruce's retirement, they traveled frequently to spend time with their daughters and grandchildren. Affectionately known as Barbie, Barb, Mom, Gramma, Gma, and Aunt Barb, she was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Elouise Allen. Barbara is survived by her husband of 55 years, Bruce McDermaid; daughters Megan McDermaid (Steve King) of Poulsbo, WA, and Amy McDermaid Hughes (Kevin) of Williamsburg, VA; grandchildren Sean and Erin Hughes; brother Bob Allen (Paula) of Green Valley, AZ; cousins, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews; and a special circle of dear friends. Her death leaves a monumental void in our lives, but in true Barbara fashion, she also leaves us with a lifetime of loving memories to bring us comfort.



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Barbara is remembered for her kindness and compassion to all who knew her. She made everyone she met feel special. Her smile lit up a room and her hugs made each person feel like everything would be ok. Barbara took great pleasure in celebrating life's special occasions - big or small - and her friends and family will recall with smiles her affinity for Hallmark cards and handwritten correspondence that captured her genuine care and thoughtful concern.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Barbara's memory to Peppi's House Hospice Fund, TMC Healthcare, 5301 Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712 (memo: B. McDermaid); P.E.O. Chapter AW, Attn: Treasurer, 3397 W. Foxes Den Drive, Tucson, AZ 85745 (memo: B. McDermaid PCE); or, the charity of your choice. A celebration of Barbara's life will be held at a later date, when family and friends are able to gather together to share stories of her impact on our lives.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials.



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LM

Laura Klingborg Miller posted:

My deepest sympathies Bruce, Meghan, Amy and family. I have the most fond memories of Barbara - beautiful lady with a beautiful heart. Sending love and prayers.

October 5 at 7:22 AM

JK

Janet Kinneberg shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My deepest condolences to Barb's beloved family. She was an amazing friend and P.E.O. Sister who brightened any occasion. I will miss her kind and cheerful presence very much. Sending love and prayers for peace to all mourning and also celebrating her beautiful life.



September 21 at 5:41 PM

RN

Robert Nancy posted:

Dear Bruce and Family; We feel your loss and send you our prayers. My memory is of your wedding. You asked me to sing for it, and it was a special honor to do it. It was a song I'd never heard before, but perfect for your wedding. Please know we think of you all on this difficult time. Our love, Nancy & Bob Smith

August 31 at 8:52 AM

MD

Mary Lou Duffey posted:

Dear Bruce and family: I have no words that adequately share how I miss my good friend, Barbara. Paul and I send prayers that all the wonderful memories that you share will help you through this loss and bring you some happy moments. Lovingly. Mary :Lou

August 31 at 6:55 AM

MM

Meg McCormick posted:

What an amazing smile that Barb had! I am so honored and so blessed to have had the opportunity to share love, friendship and laughter with her both as a friend and as a P.E.O. Sister. Barb radiated love and light in all she did. Heaven gained one Amazing angel.

August 30 at 8:17 PM



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BH

Bonnie Hewitt posted:

Dear Bruce, I'm so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. I'll always remember her beautiful smile, sweet ways and kind words at the Wasatch Senior High Youth Group in Salt Lake! I was the "new kid" having moved from Seattle. She just made me and everyone else feel so welcome. Years later we so enjoyed visiting you both at your lovely home in Tucson. It was a very special time. Sending hugs, Bonnie Hewitt

August 30 at 10:17 AM

PJ

Patty Carlson Jack T posted:

Dear Bruce, Megan, Amy and Family, What a beautiful tribute to your Wife, Mother and Grandmother! I met Barb and her Mother Eloise 22 years when we moved to Tucson and I transferred to Chapter Aw. From the start of those ladies were warm and welcoming. I was fortunate to have Eloise crochet an afghan for me and later Barb gifted me with one of her Mother's Madonnas. I treasure both of these gifts. I also have several "Hallmark" notes that Barb sent me through the years. Barb was such a shining star in P.E.O., we will all miss her smile and hugs. "Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy" Love & Sympathy, Patty Carlson

August 30 at 2:21 AM

DR

Dianna Rosler posted:

Richard and I are saddened to hear of Barbara's passing. She was a beautiful lady who always had a smile on her face and always spoke with kindness. She will be greatly missed by everyone who walked in her pathway.

August 28 at 4:43 AM

LL

Lincoln Lehman posted:

I will always remember her welcoming smile.... Barbara will be missed! Lincoln & Lynnette

August 27 at 5:41 PM



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AH

Arlene Hesel posted:

When I moved across the street from Barb and Bruce 21 years ago, Barb was the first neighbor to come over and say "Hello". We became friends over the years and I will miss her friendly upbeat attitude and cheerful smile. Rest in peace Barb. Arlene

August 27 at 2:27 PM

NG

Nancy Greenlee posted:

So many memories! My mother and I first met your grandmother through joining Chapter AW P.E.O., { thanks through my earlier meeting Charlotte Marshal}. Elouise, Barbie's mother was one of the gracious and loving sisters of that chapter. Elouise and other chapter members graciously surrounded my mother, a P.E.O., who was stroke-ridden, which gave her great difficulty in speaking. I will always be grateful for their heartfelt compassion. Moving on: Elouise shared her hope of having Barbie and her family move to Tucson. We knew all about Barbie and her family, and anxiously waited for the time when they would move to Tucson. When Barbie arrived it immediately was a gift for all of us. She always was willing to take on frequent jobs, to help in many ways, and when she agreed to be President of chapter several times we knew that we were in loving hands. It was a wonderful time of learning about each other well, and coming to truly love each other's friendship. Like your grandmother, your mother was loving and delightful to be with. Precious friends are special and your mother was one of them. One of many examples: She steadied my fears when I was waiting to be led onto the P.E.O. convention stage, to become one of the state officers; and I'll always remember sitting by her and she telling me with her soft voice that "You can do it!" We always had each "other's back" She was so much fun to be with. We all will miss her so. Remembering: Because several of us lived relatively close by, on P.E.O. days we would pile into {often her car} to go to meetings. We always had lots of things to talk about: our families always, and plenty of other things. we shared so much and felt like we really knew each other's family. One of my richest memories is the many years when we could visit on our way to P.E.O.,and sometimes "go out" for lunch afterward. In this sharing of news about our children, we often felt like aunties to you all. She was a one in- a -lifetime wonderful friend.I wish we could soften this sadness for you. The only positive is that she doesn't have to suffer any longer. She was so brave and some day you all be together again. God willing, so may we all meet again, and then it will be forever. You will have beautiful memories of a wonderful wife/mother the rest of your lives, which, eventually will help your healing I will always remember how her quiet and steady personality was so genuine. and her faith so equally beautiful. God blessed us all with her life. My love to you all, Nancy Greenlee

August 26 at 2:58 AM



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BS

Barb Seligman posted:

What I adored most about Barb was her sweet loveliness and attitude about life. She never had an unkind word and never complained. She had a smile that lit up a room and a tremendous sense of humor. She was a blessing to her family and to everyone who knew her.

August 27 at 1:08 AM

JR

Jeanette Renouf posted:

Have such fond memories of Barb and our time and work together for many years in Chapter AW. She will surely be missed by so many. Thank you for sharing so much of her with the rest of us. Jeanette Renouf

August 26 at 11:42 AM

DC

Debbie Cretney posted:

Amy and family, we are very sorry for your loss. Your Mom's legacy of kindness lives on through her beautiful daughters and grandchildren. May she rest in peace. Debbie and Tim

August 26 at 2:58 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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