



Ms. Barbara A. Barnard

April 23, 1953 - September 12, 2024

Barbara Barnard, 71, of Streamwood, Illinois; went on to her reward today. She was a true Chicagoan though she lived in south Texas for decades and in Kansas City for several years before returning to Chicago upon her retirement.

Barb was a court reporter, working in private practice as well as for federal district court judges in Brownsville, Texas and Kansas City, Missouri. She was well loved in the courthouses both for her ever present sense of humor and the cookies and other treats she generously shared with the courthouse personnel. Barb served as the president of the United States Court Reporter's Association.

Barb enjoyed making all kinds of craft projects and was a very talented quilter. She was a dog lover and a football fan, playing in many fantasy NFL football leagues. Most of all, Barb was a loyal, loving, and generous friend, often traveling great distances to go to football games, quilting shows, fund raisers, and other get togethers. She was known for her goofy phrases and self-deprecating humor.

Barb is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Margaret Barnard. She is survived by her siblings, Carolyn (Raymond) Leger, Frank Barnard Jr. and Emily (Ken) Plach, and niece and nephews Simone (Jordan), Marcel (Ana

Maura), Adrian, Monica, Adam (Joni), Corey and Colin (Devin); cherished friend of many.

At Barbara's request there will not be any funeral services, instead please think of her and smile.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences please click on the "Share A Memory" link above and you can leave a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o the Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ I was Bards hairdresser and we yapped for the entire time she was in. She was always a pleasure to have in even when life was kicking her down. I was better for have knowing her and i am a proud owner of a couple hand items from her. She was a thoughtful woman whom i miss having in my chair.

Daylie - December 14, 2024 at 08:32 PM

CS

“ I worked with Barb at the courthouse in Brownsville. She was a wonderful co-worker, always making the day brighter. She was a great conversationalist and a good friend. This world was better for having her in it.

Craig Smith - September 23, 2024 at 03:48 PM

AL

“ When Barb retired she generously gave me her suits. What a wonderful woman!

ALG - September 17, 2024 at 01:20 PM

CA

“ Christy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara A. Barnard



Christy Anderson - September 16, 2024 at 11:15 AM

AM

“ *Amy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbara A. Barnard*



Amy - September 15, 2024 at 06:25 PM

JD

“ *I met Barb at a USCRA Meeting in Key West. Barb arrived safely, but her luggage did not!!! Her reaction? Unflappable. That was my first clue as to Barb's MO. Always delightful, always smiling and laughing, it was a joy to be with her. Barb was a strong woman, a woman of substance and character. I am grateful to have known her. Barb gifted me with a Green Bay Packers quilt, along with another quilt celebrating Aaron Rogers' career. Now, more than ever, I shall treasure your gifts and our times together.*
Jackie DeFini

Jackleen DeFini - September 15, 2024 at 02:22 PM

LW

“ I met Barb through USCRA. We both attended our first convention in Key West and became instant friends. Through the years, we attended many conferences together and had just so much fun. I can still hear her distinctive laugh. More Beer Barb was a fierce fantasy football competitor. She was generous and caring, and I'm so lucky to have had her as a friend.

Rest in peace, Barb. I will miss you dearly.

Lisa



Lisa Wiesman - September 14, 2024 at 04:49 PM

PD

“ Barb and I grew up playing with our Barbies!! I was in Iowa and she in Chicago, but every time we visited we hauled all of our Barbies, her clothes, cars and houses to each others houses. Many more memories as we grew up. She was loved and will be missed.

*Peggy (Ramthun) Drennan
First Cousin*

Peggy Drennan - September 14, 2024 at 04:03 PM

BG

“Hi, I'm Brian. I was Barb's fantasy league commissioner with the US Court Reporters Association. Barb was affectionately known as "More Beer Barb" in our league of court reporters. As she has so many others, she and Reggie quilted me a quilt, and it was of a football field. They presented it to me at a USCRA meeting. Blew me away with the surprise. That's Barb, always giving.

I remember also her at the Hospitality Room saying "It's my birthday," giving us another reason to celebrate the day, effervescent smile and bubbly even after a long day of professional CE seminars.

Well, just wanted to pay my respects, and I'll have one "More Beer, Barb."

You were a great fantasy football league competitor, friend, and asset to our court reporting profession. Thank you for your service.

*Brian Gaffigan
Retired FOCR*

Brian Gaffigan - September 14, 2024 at 02:51 PM