



Barbara Rusick

June 24, 1939 - January 15, 2016

Barbara Rusick passed away on January 15, 2016, in a losing battle with lung cancer complicated by pneumonia at her home in Ivins, UT. She was born to Emily and Edward Spas on Jun 24, 1939. She married Ron Rusick in Chicago, IL, and together they enjoyed fifty-five wonderful years together. When Barbara retired to Ivins in 1998, she built her third home and immediately got involved in the City of Ivins government. Barbara served two years on the planning commission after which she ran for election for City Council and served for two four year terms. She enjoyed working with the Democrats of Southern Utah and helped to establish INKAS (Ivins No Kill Animal Supporters) where she served as president in both organizations. Barbara also worked at Beatrice Corporation where she specialized as a Corporate Acquisition Analysis, a job she truly enjoyed.

Her favorite pastime activities were needle work, reading, playing pinochle, and traveling. Through the years, Barbara and Ron traveled all fifty states on driving trips. As her granddaughters came to Ivins on their summer vacations, Barbara was again privileged to visit all the states west of the Mississippi from Canada to Mexico, including Alaska, through their eyes.

Barbara was a fighter to the end. Her last objective was to spend Christmas with her family at an Oceanside condo in California. To accomplish this, she had to have physical therapy training to get her strength up to endure a week of enjoying the holiday with her son and his family. This she did and had a wonderful Christmas.

In death, she leaves behind: her husband Ronald; her son Edward and his wife Nancy; and two wonderful granddaughters Jessica and Nicole.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make a donation to INKAS.

Tribute Wall

 Debbie
Groessl
Rudd

“ *When you're young growing up you don't think of your aunts uncles grandparents ever leaving our precious earth, that is what I thought of you Aunt Barbara. I loved our emails and things that we would talk about, you sending me postcards from the places that you and uncle Ron visited over the years and every time that you came out to California you would try to come visit us. You were on the top of my favorite aunt list and I'm going to miss you more than words can ever express .*

Debbie Groessl Rudd - March 01, 2016 at 04:25 PM

CB

“ *Barbara and I were friends for 15 years, I never met a person stronger or more dependable then she, if there was a question Barbara had the answer or she would find it!
We had so many good times.
My heart goes out to Ron and his family.
I will miss my dear friend!
Connie Butterfield*

Connie Butterfield - January 22, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ *With tears in our eyes and very heavy hearts, please know that we're thinking about you guys. Our greatest sympathies go out to you Ron, you've always been an exemplar of what a fine husband should be, I.e. you loved her, and we're deeply devoted to Barbara, and we are all real sure she knew that.*

For Ed, brother I wouldn't be able to speak to you without breaking down in blubbering mess, so please hold your family close during this tough time and hang in there.

Rory

Rory Stenerson - January 19, 2016 at 09:34 PM

SL

“ *I had the privilege of knowing Barbara for only a couple of years , a pinochle buddy. In that time I found her to be a fun, compassionate and loving person. She was an animal lover. She often spoke proudly and with great affection of her family. She has left a fond lasting impression on my heart and in my memory.*

*You will be missed,
Sharon L.*

sharon lamb - January 16, 2016 at 10:47 PM

JP

“ I have lost a dear friend. I will miss her very much. I will remember the good times we had playing Pinochle with the ITPC (Ivins Traveling Pinochle Club) each week. I will remember the yummy casseroles and other lunch specialties she prepared for us when she hosted us girls. I will remember her passion for her work for the City of Ivins. It is a better place because of her foresight.

May you rest in peace, dear friend.

Ron, Ed, Nancy and girls, may you always remember the good times and how much your wife, mother and grandmother loved you. Peace be with you.

*Love
Jo Anne*

Jo Anne Parkes - January 16, 2016 at 05:29 PM

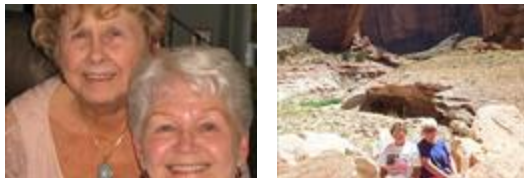
SH

“ BFF doesn't end on January 15. It means Forever. Barbara will be my BFF until I join her in whatever world there is in the hereafter.

We were friends from Kindergarten until yesterday when she went on ahead.

She was a beautiful, strong, amazing woman. She will be missed by she every life she ever touched. There are many.

I will miss you my friend. Sharon



Sharon Hilligoss - January 16, 2016 at 03:36 PM

JS

“ My heart is broken at the loss of my sister from another Mother. We've been through a lot together and, Ron and your kids, we will go on living for her with her memory as she'd want us to do. My entire family joins me in knowing the planet was a better place when she lived on it. Vaya con Dios, lady with the biggest heart and soul.

Judy Allbee Stenerson - January 16, 2016 at 04:33 AM

MI

“ Going back 53 years, there have been hundreds of wonderful memories we shared with Barbara and Ron. Our last shared moments were this past August when we spent a few days laughing and having fun just being together. We were blessed to have Barbara in our lives and to love and be loved by such a tremendous, strong and beautiful woman. We will miss her so very much.
Lou and Michele

Michele - January 15, 2016 at 11:41 PM

PK

“ Barbara Rusick was a very special woman who was loved dearly by both of us. She truly lived her life and it was clear that her family, her pets, her friends and her country were all precious to her and she put great effort into making all of these things better. She was a good friend and a very good person to know. She will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to Ron, Ed, Nancy, Jessica and Nicole. We are heart broken.
Your very loving friends, Pat and Pete Kollar

Pat & Pete Kollar - January 15, 2016 at 05:31 PM

AS

I knew Barbara as someone who loved and cared about the welfare of animals. She was a great citizen of the city of Ivins and to our animal shelter. Her service to the city and love of animals and support of our shelter is what I will remember about her. My deepest sympathies to her family.

Aggie Smith

aggie smith - January 20, 2016 at 07:49 AM