



Barbara Jean Heinrich

October 31, 1944 - March 7, 2021

Barbara Jean (the Royal Queen) was born in Bellingham, WA on October 31, 1944. After graduating from Bellingham High School, she went on to work as a catalog customer service rep with Sears & Roebuck. She later held jobs as a cashier with the Bellingham Herald, receptionist at Silverado and Orchard Park in Bellingham, and also worked as a seamstress.

In 1964, she was married to Stanley Heinrich in Bellingham. Always up for a fun time, Barbara loved taking numerous trips to Disneyland, camping at the Glen at Maple Falls, and attending frequent family reunions and neighborhood parties. She enjoyed sewing and socializing with her many friends and family members. Her loving, caring, and positive attitude will be missed.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Stanley; father, David Kenney; brother, David Kenney Jr.; mother, Frances Fay; and step-father, Robert Fay.

Survivors include her daughter, Koni (Christopher) Jones, and their children, Harrison, Madison, and Kaitlyn; son, Chad (Nicole) Heinrich, and their child Chloe; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

She will be laid to rest at Greenacres Memorial Park in Ferndale, WA.

Memorial donations may be made in Barbara's name to the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation (400 Mercer St. #401, Seattle, WA 98109).

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew who Barb was in high school but it wasn't until after high school that Barb and I became good friends. She brought Koni, then about 4 years old, to my baton studio for lessons. We spent many weekends traveling together to different parades and competitions. Barb was my personal seamstress. She made both my girls baton competition outfits and spent many hours sewing sequins on my hand. I can remember when my youngest daughter graduated from high school she found a very expensive dress at Bell Bridal, all sequins, that she wanted for her senior prom. The dress was completely out of our budget, so she went to Barb and asked her to make it for her. The dress was practically all sequins and Barb spent many hours sewing all the sequins on by hand. The dress looked even better than the dress at Bell Bridal and to this day my daughter still has the dress. I will always cherish my time with your mother. I will miss our phone conversations and our visits. She always had such a positive attitude and the love in her heart for her family and friends was untouchable. My love and sympathy goes out to Chad, Koni, and families. I pray that the memories you share as a family will help you get through the difficult days ahead. RIP my dear friend, will miss you so much, but save me a place at your table when we meet again.

Nancie Silves - March 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Barb and I met at Silver Beach grade school in the sixth grade. We became fast friends in middle school. We ran around with Lillian Erga, Marilyn Jensen, Ricki Hilliare, Chili Love, Sandy Willet, Sylvia Peterson, and Rosemary Ridley. Barb and I would spend hours on the phone talking about mainly boys. I don't ever remember talking about clothes. We told each other all of our secrets. In high school we went our separate ways. I moved away from Bellingham with my Navy husband and moved back in 1974. We ran into each other at Sears and then again at The Herald. We always said we would have lunch, but never did until I ran into her at the Senior Living Nursing Home. She was at the front desk, and I had come with Women With Wings to sing. I threw my arms around her and immediately made a date for lunch. For a couple of years we met monthly. It was so fun to get caught up, and we laughed a lot! My heart is full of sadness because I know we won't run into each other again here on earth. You won't believe this, but the last time we bumped into each other was at the Emergency Room at St. Joe's on Christmas Eve. She was in the bed beside me. Well, my dear friend it was great having you as a best bud! Maybe somewhere we can get kidnapped again.

Diane Trecker - March 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Were do I even begin. You were the BEST Auntie a girl could ask for. I sure miss our weekly Sunday chats. you were the most wise honest sincere amazing person I have ever known. A heart as big as the universe. I love you beyond words Auntie Barb. Give my mama and dad a big hug for me. I love you and miss you...
FOREVER REST IN PEACE

Jennifer - March 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Condolences to Chad and Koni. I spent many years working with your mom at Sears she was always cheerful and what a wonderful person.*

Darrell Ambrose - March 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM