



Barbara Ruth Smith

May 8, 1932 - March 7, 2014

Barbara was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She died at the Hospice House in Bellingham as a result of Alzheimer's Disease. She had recently been transferred from Highgate in Bellingham. She leaves her husband, Kelvin C. Smith; sons Bradley C. Smith and Gregory L. Smith; sister Betty (Allan) Allen of Caldwell, ID; and brother Donald A. Allan of Lancaster, PA. She also leaves her sister-in-law, Peggy Allan, plus nephews James Allan, David Hall, Tim Hall, Chris Allen, and Jeff Allen. Barbara's parents were Anna Ruth (Sinclair) and Archibald (Archie) Alexander Allan. Archie was an ordained pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Archie and Ruth served churches in Millersburg, KY; Williamsville, NY; St. Thomas, Ontario Canada; Jamaica; Memphis, TN; and Vacaville, CA. So, Barbara lived many places. In her teenage years that included Jamaica. Professionally, Barbara was a registered nurse with a specialty in Psychiatric Nursing. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tennessee (Memphis) in 1955. She taught OBGYN nurses at Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia before moving into psych nursing in California. She worked at Merritt Hospital in Oakland and California State hospitals in Napa, Norwalk, and West Los Angeles (UCLA NPI). After bringing up two children, she worked at a psych ward in Wichita, KS and later in a nursing home in Redmond, WA. Barbara and Kelvin have been active members of churches throughout their lives. At the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Bellingham, Barbara served as an elder. She also helped at the Interfaith Cold Weather Shelter. She

helped with developmentally challenged adults at Marianne's House when it was first located at her church. She had also served with challenged adults at the Bellevue Christian Church. She served with a shelter program in Bellevue called Congregations for the Homeless. She participated on Capital Hill during a period when First Christian Church in Seattle was becoming "open and affirming" and then merged with Pilgrim Congregational Church to become All Pilgrims Christian Church. Barbara was also a board member of the Church Council of Greater Seattle. Barbara and Kelvin met in Southern California and were married on July 1, 1967 in Latrobe, PA. They lived in Sepulveda, CA; West Bloomfield, MI; Wichita, KS; and Redmond, WA. They have lived in Bellingham, WA for almost 12 years.

Farewell Tribute Information

A memorial service will be held April 11th, 2:00pm at the First Christian Church, 495 E Bakerview Rd, Bellingham, WA 98226 . A reception will be held following the service.

Tribute Wall

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“ We will miss Barbara very much!
When my cousin Kelvin visited my family during my childhood (I am 18 years younger than he), there was always the sense that there was a soul mate out there whom he had yet to meet. And then Barbara came along! I remember the happiness of my mom, Kelvin's aunt, about Barbara being in Kelvin's life.
Of the many good deeds Babara accomplished during her life, one which touches me the most is her staying with my mom for a month after my dad died. That exemplified in my mind the kind of person Babara was.
I know she will be similarly missed by all who knew her!

Janet Unzicker and family - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Barbara, You are sorely missed. Thank you for gracing our lives.
The Harmons

Christine Harmon and Family - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM