

Barbara B Christy
July 15, 1939 - April 24, 2021

Barbara B. Christy was called home on the 24th of April, 2021, with family by her side. Barbara was born on July 15th, 1939 to Jack and Edna Bissett of South Gate, California, where she was raised with her younger sister Merry. Barbara graduated from South Gate High School, and went on to continue her education at Long Beach College (now known as California State University, Long Beach). She married Donald L. Christy as she pursued a career in teaching first, second, and fifth grade for L.A. City Schools in South Central Los Angeles, CA. She especially enjoyed teaching beginning reading, and the fulfilling feeling of seeing the proverbial lightbulb go off in a child's eyes for the very first time.

Through the 70's and 80's, she raised her two children in Lynwood, CA as a single mother, before setting her sights on moving to Carson City, NV in 1991. While getting settled in Carson, Barbara worked as a substitute teacher, and later managed the fabrics counter at her local Wal-Mart. After 19 years of service with Wal-Mart, she returned her apron to enjoy a very well-earned retirement. Barbara loved to spend time with her sister Merry and friends at local area casinos and restaurants. She also ventured out to Chicago several times on Amtrak, to visit with her son Donnie and his wife Persis, and her sweet granddaughter Brianna. Those trips were a true joy, as she just loved the adventure of a 2-day train ride trough the Rockies and into the plains, anticipating taking in a good Cubs home game at Wrigley Field in the Summer with her son. While not traveling, she enjoyed hosting her girlfriends from high school at her home in Carson City. This was a highlight that she and the girls always looked forward to.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Jack and Edna Bissett, as well as her former husband, Donald L. Christy. She is survived by her sister, Merry Wright, as well as her two children, Robin L. Christy and Donald (Donnie) A. Christy. She is also survived by her beloved granddaughter, Brianna Christy, and daughter-in-law, Persis Christy. A Celebration of Life is planned for 10:00 A.M. on May 8th at Autumn Funerals & Cremations located at 1575 N. Lompa Ln. in Carson City, NV 89701.

The family appreciates the condolences and kind words that have been written in her loving memory. Special thanks from the family for your friendship through the years. Barbara will be laid to rest at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, NV immediately



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Events

Lone Mountain Cemetery

1044 Beverly Drive Carson City, NV, 89706

MAY Celebration of Life

10:00AM

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Comments



66 Happy birthday, Barbara. I remember how excited you were last year on this day. Watching you with all the firemen was amazing. I am remembering you today. I hope your celebration is a big one up there.

Barbara Horzel - July 15 at 03:56 PM



An excerpt from my eulogy for my mom, given 5/8/2021 . . .

Mom -

It is with a heavy heart that I am here today, learning what life is like without having you here to lean on. I rest absolutely assured that you are still very much with me, though now in a different way, until we meet again.

You were the best mom a boy could ever have. I was so lucky that God thought enough of me to have made me your son. I speak on behalf of Robin and Merry as well, both of whom were blessed as family in your presence while you were in this unforgiving world. You were a beautiful ray of shining bright light in our lives, and I continue to be so very proud of you and your amazing accomplishments. I would not be the man that I have become without your uncompromising patience and guidance. As a husband and a father, I continue to be stunned how you managed to raise me as an infant of 6 months of age, along with my dear sister Robin. Somehow you managed to protect and provide for us, for many years on only \$400 a month thanks to government assistance. The fact that this is merely a car payment now truly blows my mind. I know that you see me and protect me now, and for that, I will continue to honor you in everything that I do going forward, without the fortune of having you in this physical world. Over the past several days I've made a number of phone calls, sent uncountable texts and emails to loved ones and people who were lucky enough to have met you and have spent time with you. I can't begin to tell you how many people have responded with heartfelt condolences, from your nurses who cared for you in your final days, to longtime friends, to my knucklehead buddies, to clergy, including chaplains who met you very recently; your close neighbors, and even people who worked with you years ago, all of whom were completely stunned by the news that you've received a higher calling on such short notice. We've lost an angel among us, yet we gained one above us, and I know you are watching and listening now.

I sincerely do hope that I've made you proud mom. If it's even a sliver of how proud I am to be able to have been your son, I'll consider myself to be on the right track. Until Persis arrived yesterday, I had not seen either of my girls in some time . . . about a month and a half in fact. They've been so supportive while I was here with you Mom. You would be proud of them. John is here too mom. He flew in yesterday as well to pay his respects. I am in good hands mom, and couldn't have a better support system. Ultimately, I believe this is what you wanted for me - to be surrounded by loving, caring people who reflect what you've always shown me.

Meanwhile, I recall my very last words to you when you left the house for the last time . . . "this is not goodbye, but rather, see you later, and please save a spot for me, 'cause I'll sure be looking for you if I'm lucky enough to get there." I love you mom, with my very heart and soul for all eternity. I know you already know that. Rest in peace sweet angel, and please continue to watch over your loving son, daughter, and sister.



66 Beautiful words. Thank you for the beautiful card. It was truly unexpected. I realized what a great mom your mom was to grow up a kiddo to send out a nice card to say thank you.

Barbara Hirzel - May 21 at 02:32 AM



I am sorry for your huge loss. Barbara was a beautiful woman with a lot of heart. Her presence will be missed. I loved how much life she always had and how excited she would get seeing my dog and me walk down the street. Always had a smile and a hello. My memories may be few but I will remember her always.

Barbara Hirzel - May 10 at 02:56 PM