



## Barbara Adele Garcia

January 7, 1951 - October 3, 2020

Barbara Adele Garcia, 69, passed away from complications of Alzheimer's at her home in

Gardnerville on Saturday, October 3, surrounded by her family. She was born Barbara Adele Harrison and grew up in Sonoma, California. Her passions were reading and learning, sewing, photography, beekeeping, and caring for everyone around her. Barbara dedicated her life to her family and to helping children, and had worked for the Washoe Tribe and for the local school district over the span of 30+ years. Her warmth, humor, and love of words and language touched all those around her.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 51 years, John Garcia; her children Patti Banka and Mike (Dawn) Garcia, her grandchildren Jeremy, Moira, Sebastian, and Pandora; her great-granddaughter Catherine; siblings Jean (Berney) Kollantai, Don (Renate) Harrison, Jim (Lauren) Harrison, Dave (Maura) Harrison, and Sue (Howard) Harrison.

At her request, no memorial will be held. In lieu of flowers, her husband and family would like you to remember her in your heart and hug someone in your family. She was a loving person

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Adele Garcia*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Barbara Adele Garcia*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *I am shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Barb's all too soon passing.*

*A loving, caring and kind soul, a creative and intensely good humored person, a master chef, the perfect mom, and rock for John, and any one who was lucky enough to be embraced by her touch and smile.*

*As a Norwegian kid, on student exchange to Douglas High, she and John, Mike and Patti, became my refuge and American family when things fell apart with the one I had been granted. I am forever grateful. And memories of road tripping to their native Sonoma Valley, fresh french bread, abelone and turkey sandwiches, heavy duty tortilla tacos, icecream and home made apple, pumpkin or blackberry pie (when watching old school 70/80s SNL on laser discs) are just a few of so many fond highlights of the barely 5 months I call the best time of my life.*

*I love you, Barb, and the world is a lesser place without. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, where memories of you will live on forever ❤️*

*I also extend my deepest condolences to John, Patti and Mike, and the rest of the Garcia/Harrison family, who, as I today, must be totally devastated by Barb's passing.*

*Love, Fredrick*

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**Fredrick Ekeseth** - February 25, 2021 at 05:08 PM

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“ Barb was the sweetest tutor I have ever had. She truly made me feel loved & treated me with the upmost respect. She loved all the rugged rez kids & helped them thrive through school. She made us all feel safe & made sure we were fed & had a safe space to work. I can say with confidence, that she was the reason I passed most of my middle school classes. I send my deepest condolences to her family, she was the best.

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**Stormee Smokey** - October 11, 2020 at 08:40 AM

LM

“ Barb was one of my tutors growing up. She was one of the nicest, got us little rugged Rez kids into doing plays about our old stories and always helped with anything anyway she could by scrounging up supplies for my class projects❤️ She was so passionate about the youth, always took pictures of us and made the best rice crispy treats 🥰 Definitely in my memories, I'll always remember my tutor's, guidance leaders and wish the same people and place was still here for my kids. RIP Barb ❤️🌸

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**Liza Murphy** - October 11, 2020 at 12:44 AM

KS

“ I am saddened to hear of Barbara Garcia's passing. She was tutor to my sons in the Washoe Tribe's after school program. She was always helpful and considerate. Thanks to her family for sharing her with members of Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. Our sincere condolences. Sincerely, Kathleen Simpson

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**Kathleen Simpson** - October 10, 2020 at 08:25 PM

SK

“*Barb is my sister. I always will remember her face full of smiles. I remember Barb’s face when she opened a little package of hot Ethiopian spice that I gave her. We both ended up laughing about it.*

*I saw Barb last year at the gathering the family had in her honor. I told her who I am and she said, “Oh! we had an exchange student named Senait a long time ago.” I let her know that it was me and her response was, “that is interesting,” of course with a smile.*

*Barb, I will miss you and I have fond memories from when we were teenagers; when I lived with you and your family.*

*I am grateful to have seen you in 2019. It is too early for you to go. May you Rest In Peace.*

*Your sister,  
Senait Ketema*

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**Senait Ketema** - October 06, 2020 at 07:55 PM

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*I am so sad to hear about Barbara's passing I really enjoyed working with her and she really did care about not only our Washio kids but all the other Native American children that she worked with as a tutor she will be greatly missed*

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**Stacy Stahl** - October 14, 2020 at 02:50 AM