



Barbara Jean Sutor

September 30, 1930 - February 28, 2021

Barbara “Barb” Jean Sutor (nee Lewis) passed away with grace and peace the morning of Sunday, February 28, 2021 with her loving sons by her side. Barb was born September 30, 1930 to Edna Muriel and Richard Mark Lewis in Libertyville, Illinois. Both of Barb’s parents were pastors which required the family to relocate frequently throughout her childhood. She lived in Michigan until the age of 10 when the family moved to Washington state. In Washington, the family resided for a time in Electric City, Wenatchee, Brewster and Tonasket. As the second eldest child, and the only daughter among seven children in the family, Barb assumed much responsibility at a young age for the care of her six brothers. She steadfastly carried the role as “second mother” to her brothers throughout her young life and well beyond. On November 26, 1949, Barb married a young orchardist, Earl Freels, in Tonasket, WA. Together Earl and Barb had three sons Edward (Ed), (Donald) Hugh and David. As a family, Earl, Barb and sons were actively involved in the Tonasket community. Barb not only taught Sunday school but held the position of treasurer for their community church. She also held several leadership roles for Town and Country Garden Club. Avid skiers and outdoors people, the family ran a ski shop at Sitzmark Ski hill, were actively involved in leadership for the Boy Scouts of America and participated in countless potlucks with neighboring families.

Barb lived in Tonasket until 1966, when she moved with her sons briefly to Linden, WA before building a home in Brewster, where her sons completed

their elementary and high school education. She worked outside the home for the Okanogan County PUD during many of those years.

Following the high school graduation of her youngest son, Barb moved to Chelan in 1976, where she worked as a bookkeeper for several local businesses. While actively living a life of service, Barb was a member of the Chelan hospital guild and acted as president. A woman of faith, Barb was actively involved in St. Andrews Episcopal Church where she held the position as treasurer for over 15 years, served on the Diocese of Spokane in different offices for 14 years and was a director for the Diocese of Spokane for 4 years. To her family and friends, Barb served as the perpetual hostess, whether that be in her home for a holiday, holding luncheons for her numerous lady friends, spearheading a camping adventure for her grandchildren or initiating large family reunions. Open to all her friends, family or visiting relatives, her kitchen was a hub of activity and never closed. She could be seen at her happiest surrounded by friends and family satisfying each person with their favorite meal or dessert. Equally comfortable cooking in her kitchen or over a campfire, Grandma Barb crafted enduring memories for her grandchildren with her meals while camping, followed by stories around a campfire, then washing of each child's feet and rubbing with lotion before bedtime....as "no one should go to bed with dirty feet.... even when camping". She often said her greatest joys in life were her sons, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She will forever be remembered as a loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She leaves us rich in memories and reminded us always per her "electronic secretary", Henrietta on her answering machine to live in "Laughter and Peace, Friends".

She will be missed by her sons, Ed Freels of Manson, Hugh (Shannon) Freels of Manson, David (Jinx) Freels of Brewster; grandchildren Jesse Freels, Eric Freels, Douglas Freels, Griffin Freels, Chauncy Freels, Colton Freels and Tommy Dundas and twelve great grandchildren; brothers Daniel (Carolyn) Lewis, Decatur, GA, Darryl Lewis, Leeds, UT and Douglas (Christi) Lewis,

Bellingham, WA; half-sister, Donna (George) Gleason, Shoreline, WA and half-brother, Mark (Susan) Lewis, Sammamish, WA. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews who she treasured.

Barb was predeceased by her parents, Edna Muriel and Richard; brothers, Donald, Dennis and David Lewis.

In lieu of flowers, the family believes Barb would wish you to contribute to St. Andrews Episcopal Church, which brought her much peace, fellowship and joy.

Viewing services for Barbara Sutor will be March 19, 2021 from 3-7 pm at Precht Rose Chapel in Chelan. Services for Barb will be held Saturday, March 20, 2021 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church at 10 am. Due to Covid restrictions, we regrettably are limited inside the church to primarily family and those who have been notified. Additional room will be available in the parish hall. Interment will follow the services at Tonasket Cemetery in Tonasket at 1:00 pm. Anyone wishing to attend the service at the graveside are welcome. The family would treasure any thoughts and memories you have of Barb at www.barneschapel.com. Services are entrusted to Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

Cemetery Details

Tonasket City Cemetery

1.5 mls north of town on Hwy 7
Tonasket, WA 98855

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **19**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Precht Rose Chapel
332 E. Woodin Avenue
PO Box 306
Chelan, WA 98816
(509) 682-2524
mike@prechtrose.com
<https://prechtrose.com>

Service

MAR **20**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
120 E. Woodin Ave.
Chelan, WA 98816

Interment

MAR **20**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Jean Sutor*



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - March 16, 2021 at 06:34 PM

JF

Wonderful sweet memories of a very special lady. She will always be in our hearts.

Jan Lewis Fisher - March 17, 2021 at 06:59 PM

DG

Barb's superpower was love. She spread love & attention better than anyone else I know. Barb is truly an inspiration, to be remembered with love & gratitude.

Donna Lewis Gleason

Donna Gleason - March 20, 2021 at 06:55 PM

EF

Thank you all for your kind words, your prayers, sharing your thoughts and memories of our mother Barbara. She will be dearly missed by so many. She is now at rest for all of eternity. Mom's love was limitless for all of us. Thank you. Ed Freels

Ed Freels - March 21, 2021 at 05:07 PM

MB

Beautiful tribute to a very sweet kind loving lady. She will be missed by both of us. Love, Bob & Meredith Beeson

Meredith Beeson - March 22, 2021 at 11:14 AM



I love Barb. She was one of my moms besties. That's a great pic of her with mom (LeeAnn) and Pat Krell. I will so miss her Christmas letters every year.

Marcia Peterson

Marcia Peterson - March 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM

GB

I am here in Michigan and did not know she passed. I thought something was strange when I did not receive any emails or a birthday card from her. I loved writing you and spending time with you when you were here. Rest in peace you will be missed. Forever love you....Gail Gabrish Bragg

Gail Bragg - June 12, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ *Barbara Jean Sutor*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM

JV

“ *Barb was a ;longtime and dear friend. She initiated the women's group others have mentioned and I was privileged to join them for many years before I left Chelan. We have kept in touch throughout these years and I will truly miss her presence in my life. I send my condolences to all the members of her family that she held in such love and esteem. Her letters about you every year were wonderful.*
Jean Vick

Jean Vick - March 23, 2021 at 12:04 PM

TP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Terry Peterson - March 22, 2021 at 07:44 PM

TP

Early childhood memories....The Freels and the Peterson kids. Still life long family friends!

Terry Peterson - March 22, 2021 at 07:46 PM

TP

We all lost someone special. While the hole left in our hearts will never quite heal, eventually the pain of loss turns to memories of gratitude and legacy for the family.

My earliest memories of Barb were that of my second Mom, while Eddy, Huey and Davey and my sibs all played together as wee tots. It is funny what we remember at such a young age. One summer morning the kids' job was to round up the chickens for their ultimate demise....Barb was swinging the axe and doing her work! I learned at an early age the term, "running around like a chicken with your head cut off." Indeed, Barb had her hands full chasing around those three active boys. So many memories, like the times Davey and I would sneak out and go joy riding in the old Willies Jeep. Dave could not even see over the steering wheel, but away we went! Wow - did we get into trouble. Or the time we filled up my baby brothers diapers so full with tiny green apples that he could not walk. Wow - did we get in trouble (again)! So many memories. Barb would try to be stern with us, but even as little kids we could tell she was laughing inside. We would start laughing and she would start laughing and we would be in trouble all over again.

Laughing and happiness. This is what I will always remember about Barb. She always found a way to teach us with encouragement and happiness, even when we were in trouble (which was most of the time).

What a grand lady, Mom, teacher and friend! We will miss her forever. We will remember her forever with many, many fond memories. Terry Peterson.

Terry Peterson - March 22, 2021 at 08:01 PM

MP

*I remember this day! The yard was huge! Eggs were kinda hard to find.
Marcia*

marcia peterson - March 23, 2021 at 09:18 AM

KM

“ *Barb was a dear friend to me. We were in a women's group together for many years. I loved her sense of humor and think of her as a woman with a lot of class and just the right amount of sass. She will be missed, her presence blessed me beyond words. I have peace knowing she is with her Heavenly Father.*

My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.

Kathy Martin

Kathy Martin - March 20, 2021 at 02:22 PM

JB

“ *Barb was a chaperone for the Miss Lake Chelan program in the early 1980's. I was lucky enough to be part of the royalty during that time. She was a wonderful mentor and friend, sharing her wisdom, advice and sometimes a shoulder to cry on. I learned a great deal from Barb, and I feel grateful and blessed to have her influence in my life.*

Jill Burbery - March 19, 2021 at 09:21 PM

WJ

“ *WILLIAM WORD JR lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Sutor*



WILLIAM WORD JR - March 18, 2021 at 09:17 PM

AM

“ *Barb was such a beautiful person. She welcomed my daughter Jamie & me with open arms into her loving home. I loved her comments she would make on my Facebook & looked forward to her Christmas cards every year. She was so inspiring. Wish I could have seen her one last time.*

Allison Myers - March 18, 2021 at 04:22 PM

KP

“ *You are dearly missed Aunt Barb - you made the world a better place and we are all better people for knowing you. Love you!*

Kate Steward Peppmiller

Kate Peppmiller - March 18, 2021 at 12:54 PM

MM

“ *Ed, Hugh, David and family,*

Barb was a precious friend to me, a mentor, she inspired me to be a better person. I have many fun memories of our times together, hours of conversation and lots of laughs while driving to different places. She knew all my secrets and I know some of hers. She loved her family more than anything. She loved to entertaining, she was the perfect hostess. Her home was like a warm blanket and I never wanted to leave. I will miss her. I'm a better person because of her. Barb was beautiful inside and out. Heaven got an angel the day she passed❤️ Laughter and Peace my friend💕💕💕💕



Marilyn Musson - March 15, 2021 at 10:55 PM