



Barbara Stemen

May 1, 1936 - August 14, 2010

Obituary of Barbara Stemen

Mrs. Barbara A. Stemen, 74, of Leesburg, FL passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2010. She was born Barbara Rabenowich on May 1, 1936 to Abe and Eleanora Rabenowich in Park Falls, WI. Barbara was preceded in death by both parents, one sister, Silvia, and a daughter, Linda. She is survived by her husband, James, of 53 years, a son, Dennis (Wanda) of Marshfield, WI, daughter, Carla (Tim) Thornton of Loveland, OH, 4 grandchildren, Jessica and Chris Stemen and Katie and Andy Thornton, and sister, Connie (Don) Sturgeliski of Lakewood, CO. Barbara taught grade school music for 27 years. After retirement she was a tour director for Holiday Travel of Eau Claire, WI. While living in Eau Claire, she served 4 years on the Police and Fire Commission. She directed a number of church choirs and sang in the Eau Claire Musical Arts Chorale and the Orlando Chorale. Barbara also directed the Scottish Highlands mixed chorus for 7 years. Barbara is and will continue to be missed by her family and friends.

Services

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, August 20, 2010 at 10am at

Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg, FL.

Memorials

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that donations be made to the Leesburg Food Bank, 1305 Sunshine Ave., Leesburg, FL 34748.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Dear Jim, Carla and Dennis, I am so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. Barb and Connie grew up across the street from me and I have wonderful memories of those times. After being out of touch with each other for many years, I am particularly grateful for a visit we had a few years ago when we were in Florida. It was so good to see her again. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May you find peace in God's love in your time of sorrow. Love, Ted and Mary Kulp

Mary Heisler Kulp - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ My prayers are with your family. I loved Mrs. Stemen. She is one of my happiest memories from elementary school. Thank you for sharing her with so many children through the years. What a beautiful woman!

Tania Jenson-Renken - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My family's sincere condolences to you all on Barb's passing. She was always such a favorite of Dixie's, our late mother, and our's too. We know that she will be much missed...

John Smart - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am so sad to learn that Mrs. Stemen has passed away. She was such an inspiration to me and continues to be today. I was fortunate to have her provide me with opportunities to accompany my classmates at performances, to participate in the High School musicals that she co-directed when I was so little! When I hear certain songs, they take me back to those great elementary music classes where we learned so much! My deepest sympathy to her family. May you find peace in your memories.

Jennifer Rhude Krug - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Barbara and I sang together in the Morrison choir. A lovely and very talented lady -- so sorry to hear of her loss. Blessings to her family.

Joan Ansley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Dear Jim & Family, Our sincerest sympathies go out to you all. When I first came to Elk Mound years ago, Barb was so gracious to me. She enlightened our lunches with great stories and put on many wonderful elementary concerts with her talent & expertise. I remember all the outings we had together. She was a special lady. May you find peace in your many memories.

Mary & Dave Olson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Dear Jim and Family, My condolences to you all. Very sad to see that Barb has passed away. She was such a talented lady and a good friend. We sure spent many an hour together while car pooling to Elk Mound. And many funny experiences with weather and vehicles. Each one of us ran out of gas or had a car breakdown during the years. We always were rescued by a good samaritan or a spouse and still made it to work on time. She definitely will be missed. Sincerely, Cheryl Newman

Cheryl Newman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Jim, Dennis and Carla, My thoughts and prays are with you. I know this time is very difficult. Just think back and remember what a wonderful wife, mother and person Barb was. Remember all the smiles, laughs and giggles you had with Barb. But most importantly, remember that she is still with you, in your heart and many happy memories. Peace be with you, Meg

Meg Thornton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I was so sorry to learn that Barb has passed away. I will always remember all the years in our car pool together and her outstanding personality. She will truly be missed. Ellyn Wenk

Ellyn Wenk - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I am so saddened by the passing of Barb. She and I taught together in Elk Mound and co-directed many musicals. We even worked together in the Musical Arts Chorale in Eau Claire. She was a talented musician, a great teacher, and a perfect role model for me as a beginning teacher. I couldn't thank her enough for all she did to encourage me! My deepest sympathies to Jim, Dennis and Carla.

Steve Turek - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Jim, Carla, Dennis, and families, We are sad to hear of Barb's passing. Our most deep and sincere sympathies are sent to you all. Such wonderful memories we have of Barb. She was such a mentor to me in my early years of teaching music to children. Many materials, ideas, songs, laughs and frustrations were shared in our "three-some" of Barb, Jeanne and me! I am sad to hear a good friend is no longer with us. But she now rests in God's heavenly kingdom and some day we will all be "making music together again" God bring you peace. We love you all and are thinking of you. Love, Lynn & Bob

Lynn & Bob McFadyen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ To Barb's family and friends, I enjoyed singing with Barb in the Eau Claire Musical Arts Chorale. She had a great sense of humor and was a great mentor to the rest of us "girls". Her love of music lives on in the hearts of many. Sincerely, Heidi Weber, Mondovi

Heidi Weber - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM