



Barbara Ann Gunneson

June 16, 1949 - December 10, 2020

Barbara Ann Gunneson, of Walnut Creek, California, passed away on December 10, 2020. She was only 71 years old, and was looking forward to celebrating her grandson Wyatt's first Hannukah and Christmas this year. She spent the week and weekend before her passing making her famous spaghetti and meatballs and visiting her family in Oakland, California. Not even a massive heart attack on Wednesday could prevent her from cooking dinner for her family on Friday!

Barb was born on June 16, 1949 to parents Wilbur J. Berta and Antoinette Molli in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She was married to Alvin Oscar Gunneson ("Al"), mother to Lauren Ann White (Gunneson), and grandmother to Wyatt Oscar White. She was preceded in death by her loving husband and beloved Goldendoodle Ella. She is survived by her daughter Lauren and Lauren's husband Ben, her grandson Wyatt, her sister Susan DiMura and her children Kristie and Dylan. She is also survived by her husband's children, Alan and Jan Gunneson, Leslie and Ivan Wilson, and their children Ryan, Max, and Andrew, whom she loved as her own.

Barb enjoyed entertaining, cooking, gardening, interior design and decoration, and most of all, spoiling her grandson, Wyatt. She also loved a good handbag, a bacon cheeseburger, anything that sparkled, and never went more than two weeks without washing her car. In the last few years, Barb moved all over the country to be close to her daughter Lauren and her growing family. She lived in New Orleans before moving to the Bay Area in 2019. Most recently, Barb was living at Rossmoor, an amazing active adult community in Walnut Creek, CA. She was an active member of the Republican Club and enjoyed selling her handmade crafts at the local craft markets. She also landed a job in sales at Soft Surroundings to help buy her grandson Wyatt tons of toys and a beautiful crib. Her coworkers loved her and were impressed by her energy and passion for sales. Her move to California also had influence on her newfound culinary preferences—Indian food! She would often be heard asking, "Can I make a dinner request for this week? Ben's curry!"

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that loved ones contribute donations in support of

WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease

(www.womenheart.org). While Barb's heart was large, it was also very sick. And the greatest gift we can give is to provide education and raise awareness about early signs of heart disease.

Lauren and Ben will be hosting a virtual memorial to celebrate Barb's life on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 4pm Pacific, 7pm Eastern. Further details will be provided directly to family and friends. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ben. Lauren and Ben plan to host an in-person celebration of life at some point in 2021 when it is again safe to travel and gather.

Comments



“ Thinking of you Lauren with great heartfelt sympathy. I will always remember Barb as a great neighbor. Alison certainly loved spending time at your house. When I couldn't find Ali I knew she was most likely at yours. I will remember Barb and our Town Club Years. We did alot of work but had fun ,decorating for the ball, the House Tour. Of course all you girls all dressed up for proms at your house too. Barb was always welcoming. I will always think of her and sparkle. Sincerely, Pat R.

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