

After a long full life, BARBARA JAYNE RICHARDS passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, December 10, 2023. She was born in Sacramento, CA in 1943, the second of six daughters of Lucile Cannon and Wayne Felt Richards. Barb's life's mission was to contribute to the happiness of others and progress in living the gospel of Jesus Christ fully. She certainly accomplished both throughout her life.

Barb became paraplegic at 20 years of age in 1963. Two years later, she returned to BYU where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Health and PE Education along with a Master's Degree in Education. Upon graduating from the Y, she taught at Westlake Jr. High in Granite District for 17 years. She then began teaching at the University of Utah where she earned her Doctor of Education and continued teaching until 2004.

Barb received many accolades during her career. She was given numerous 'Outstanding Teacher', 'Service', and 'Teacher of the Year' awards. She was inducted into East High Schools's Hall of Fame in 1987. Barb was a life member of Eta Sigma Gamma in Health Sciences, on the boards of several health education organizations, and received the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation 'Golden Key for Outstanding Citizen of the Year'. She was voted Top Professor in her department at the U four different years.

Barb loved her Savior and accepted many church responsibilities. She was a Stake Relief Society Board Member, Stake Sports Committee Director, and Ward R.S. Education Counselor. She taught Primary, Young Women, Gospel Doctrine and Relief Society. She published Discovering Joy in a Wheelchair in 2003 and in 2019 finished journaling her life for her family.

She loved doing anything with her hands. She tried building miniature ships, enjoyed puzzles, made ceramics, painted with oil and watercolor, sewed clothing, and cross-stitched items for her family. She was a wonderful cook and design and decorated numerous birthday and wedding cakes. She enjoyed playing tennis, racquetball, and ping pong from her chair. She was always ready to play any game, and she laughed hysterically with family and friends. Barb has taken many cruises and loved spending time at the family cabin and in her totally accessible motorhome. She mostly enjoyed any trips with her sisters and her roommate, Nadine.

Barb wanted to marry and be a mother so instead focused her love on her roommates—Sue Baker Smith (27 years) and Nadine Bunnell (31 years), her nieces and nephews and their children. Barb maintained strong lifelong friendships. She loved deeply and extended her sincere affection to neighbors, ward members, and friends.

In Loving Memory



Barbara Jayne Richards

1943 ~ 2023

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BORN
March 16, 1943
Sacramento, California

PASSED AWAY
December 10, 2023
Holladay, Utah

DAUGHTER OF
Lucile Cannon Richards
and Wayne Felt Richards

SIBLINGS
Judy Jones, Wendy Gardner,
Alyson Parry, Jill Anderson,
Cherie Clark

Funeral Services

Friday, December 15, 2023 ~ 12:00 p.m.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1750 East Spring Lane (5195 South)
Holladay, Utah

Pallbearers

Mark Jones
Adam Parry
Nate Anderson

Spencer Smith
Roy Bunnell
Terry Bunnell

Honorary Pallbearers - Nephews

Cory Leiseth
Jon Jones
Brian Jones
Matt Linford
David Wood
Rudy Wolf
Ken Parry
Richard Parry

Ben Thompson
Rob Parry
Jordan Anderson
Jayson Cornelius
Barry Anderson
Tyler Andrus
James McDonald
James Riley

Services

Bishop Dustin Tate, Conducting

Family Prayer.....Ginnette Gardner Wood, Niece
Organist.....Jennifer Gregerson, Friend
Chorister.....Emily Parry, Niece
Opening Hymn.....#117
"Come Unto Jesus"
Opening Prayer.....Alyson Parry, Sister
Speaker.....Wendy Richards Gardner, Sister
Special Musical Number.....Nieces
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Heather Jones, Sarah Jones, Melanie Jones, Amy Leiseth,
Lissa Jones, Kerstin Jones, Michelle Linford, Tami Fillmore,
Ginnette Wood, Melissa Wolf, Heather Parry, Emily Parry,
Karie Parry, Julie Thompsen, Sarah Parry, Alison Anderson,
Samantha Anderson, Becky Cornelius, Krissie Anderson,
Emily Andrus, Brittany McDonald, Andrea Smith, Natalie Riley

Speaker.....Christopher Jones, Nephew
Special Musical Number.....Katie Gustavson, Nadine's Niece
and DeLaine Thorne, Nadine's Sister
"I'll Walk with God"
accompanied by Jennifer Holmes

Speaker.....Gavin Anderson, Brother-in-law
Remarks.....Bishop Dustin Tate
Closing Hymn.....#308
"Love One Another"
Closing Prayer.....Cherie Clark, Sister

Interment

Salt Lake City Cemetery
200 'N' Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

Dedication of the Grave.....Michael Jones, Nephew