



Barbara Dow Spray

May 24, 1950 - May 16, 2021

Barbara Dow Spray, 70, a fast friend and servant to all, passed away on May 16, 2021. Barbara was born on May 24, 1950 in St. Louis, Missouri, the daughter of Kenneth and Katharine (Thompson) Moody. Barb loved everyone wholly and taught forgiveness, even though she had endured many hurts and challenges, putting everyone ahead of herself. Her warm and easy ability to chat with and make friends in any setting drew a crowd of friends who became "sisters" and youngsters that became her "kids and grandkids."

Barb was served as a paramedic for fifteen years in Missouri and Georgia. Barbara plunged into serving others-first in the AIDs epidemic and then on through the COVID pandemic in recent years. Barb became the "Nanny McPhee" of the nursing profession. Later she became a traveling nurse who took care of both her patients and their families. That took her to Delaware where she became acquainted with, and later married, Dave Spray in 2005.

She moved to Charlotte in 2016 after the passing of her husband, Dave Spray, to be closer to her family. Barbara jumped into her volunteer mode after arriving in town, becoming an active volunteer at the Eaton Area Senior Center and Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital, now known as Sparrow Eaton Hospital.

Barb gathered a new group of great friends that included the "Cardettes," a

group that enjoyed trips to the nearest craft stores for card making supplies, finding a new place to eat, or anything else they could do together with lots of fun and laughter. She was also known for coordinating fun adventures such as ballooning, car tours, train rides and other things on the bucket list of hers and her friends. At home she loved the view of the woods from her apartment, even becoming "friends" with the deer, squirrels, turkeys, and raccoons who would come up to her deck and peek in the windows.

Barbara is survived by two daughters, Becky (Jerry) Pottruff of Fife Lake, Michigan, and Katharine (Howard) Libs of Huntingtown, Maryland; siblings Ken Moody of Overland Park, Kansas, and Paul (Jane) Moody of Quincy, Illinois; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; lifelong friend Diane King and many other "sisters." She was predeceased by her husband, Dave; her parents; and her sister-in-law, Sheila.

Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Barbara on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. A Memorial service will be conducted by Pray Funeral Home held at the Eaton Area Senior Center on a date to be announced.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 25. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eaton Area Senior Center
804 S Cochran Ave
48813

Memorial Service

JUL 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



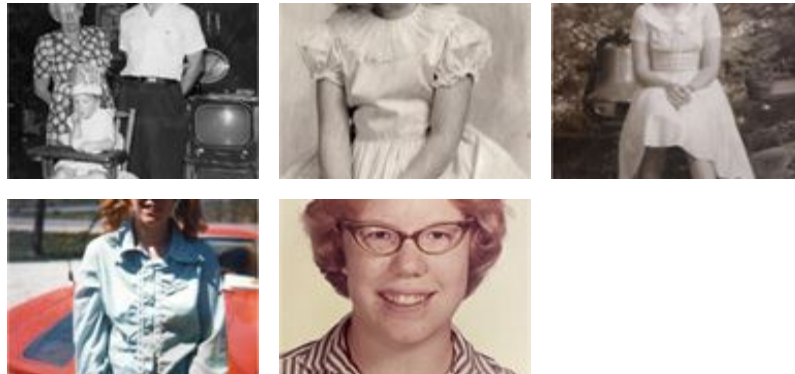
“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Dow Spray*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 21, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 21, 2021 at 01:16 PM

KM

“ *Ms. Barbara was a dear friend of my mom and an all-around beautiful soul with so much positive energy. One of the most selfless, giving people I've ever known. A couple of years ago she took my mom on a road trip to Memphis just because she knew mom had always wanted to there. The pictures of my mom on that trip with Ms. Barbara and Ms. Katie are some of the happiest photos of my mother in existence. Ms. Barbara made that joy possible. Thank you for making great memories with my mom and so many others. You and those memories will never be forgotten. Rest easy, Ms. Barbara. ❤️*



Kirsten McAllister - May 24, 2021 at 06:54 PM

SP

“ *Sandy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Barbara Dow Spray*



Sandy Phillips - May 23, 2021 at 05:05 AM

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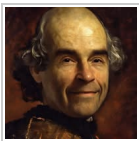
Barbara and I became friends through Word Chums about 2 years ago. It was a random selection where they select players of same skill. What a gift that was! We became friends, finding out we were both nurses. I , at 73, still work part time 2 nights a week. Barbara, the night owl, was an active player during the night. We shared many things through chatting as we played. . My job is a transfer nurse where I am transferring patients through phone and computer to a higher level of care hospital in Louisiana. At the height of Covid, she always asked me how we were doing and about the number of patients with Covid. She was doing all the right things for over the worst of it. My sadness is worsened by the fact she could not take the vaccine due to her medical problems. I did take it in December, no side effects. My prayer is that all her friends and family will or have taken the vaccine. No more lives lost, please , to this terrible virus. I so miss my night time friend and the brightness she added to those nighttime hours! . She was a very special person whom I had hoped to meet in person one day. I look forward to meeting her in our heavenly home!

Sandy Phillips - May 23, 2021 at 05:27 AM

MM

“ Barb was a true friend always. She always was willing to help in anyway, needed. A blessing to so many, many other's throughout her life. Barb was a friend, in our card stamping group. She was so much fun to be around . Barb was a gifted and loved gal that will be missed, by all that came, in contact with her. Keeping Barb's family close in prayer. With deepest sympathy and love, Marilyn Thomas Mathews... AKA Mrs. Armstrong

Marilyn Mathews - May 22, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ I only met my cousin Barbara a few times as a kid, but had really connected with her online the past few years. I remember having a lot of fun when she spent a big hunk of the summer of 1966 (or was it 1967) with us in Mill Valley and Mt Shasta. Barbara you will be missed.

John Thomson - May 22, 2021 at 11:21 AM

TA

“ I didn't know my Aunt Barb for a lot of my life. I finally got to meet her just a couple years ago. I remember meeting her at a mexican restaurant and we bonded over our shared love for baby goats. It's hard to believe she's gone after just seeing her a couple months ago. She helped my family so much taking care of my grandmother. I wish I could have thanked her for that. I can't be more grateful that I got to get to know her.
-Taylor Moody

Taylor - May 21, 2021 at 09:16 PM

SD

“ Our "Sista Commrade", our partner in crime, and a wonderful southern! Thank you for the Scrabble games where sometimes we had to stop so we could catch our breath from laughing until we cried! Thank you for the strangest trips that lead to some of the best times! Thank you for your "oh Hell No" approach to solving problems! Thank you for the nights spent watching shows and having snacks! Thank you for giving yourself to us so openly. I am a better person because of your presence in my life! The technicolor stories that we shared and the laughter that ensued fills my heart! Porch sittin' watching for wildlife and grilling out back! I am so grateful for all of this and more! There will never be another like you in our lives!!! I love you, miss you and wish you God Speed Miss Barb! and tell Carla sent you!!!

Sandy Dargatz - May 21, 2021 at 08:18 PM

SD

Didn't mean southern..meant soul!

Sandy Dargatz - May 21, 2021 at 08:20 PM

MC

“ I worked solely alongside Barb over many years on countless night shifts. She taught me so much when I was a new nurse, as well as always found the best radio stations when we were tired. She will be truly missed, but did amazing work while she was here ❤️

Michelle Cummings - May 21, 2021 at 07:23 PM

ST

“ Barb was an original. I can only describe her as larger than life and truly amazing. Her smile was infectious and that is what I see when I close my eyes. I will cherish the memories and know that I am so lucky to have known her.

Shannon Tatman - May 21, 2021 at 06:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Dow Spray.



May 21, 2021 at 06:16 PM

MP

“ Missy Gupton Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Barbara Dow Spray



Missy Gupton Pruitt - May 20, 2021 at 10:22 PM

MP

I am turkey sorry for the loss of Barb. I do have good memories from times that visited when I was younger and I am so glad that her and I reconnected on facebook. Big hugs and Prayers love you girls.

Missy Gupton Pruitt - May 20, 2021 at 10:24 PM

CF

Barb and I went to Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO. together. She was always kind and a lot of fun. She took me home to St. Louis with her several times. I was from NYC and had never been to the Midwest before. She and her Dad toured me all over St. Louis and we had a great time!!!

Barb had an infectious laugh and was such a kind person. My condolences to her family.

Cheryl Sullivan Fox '72

Cheryl Sullivan Fox - September 17, 2021 at 04:27 PM

ZE

“ *Barb was truly one in a million. I will miss her humor and stories that she would share. I will miss seeing her at Legacy Parke. Many prayers go out to her family. Thinking of you all!*

- Zania Emery

Zania Emery - May 20, 2021 at 09:47 PM

DM

“ *Barb you were a very close and wonderful friend. I have so many great memories of you and how you joked and made me laugh, you were never serious! So many people will miss you and all the joy you spread. Thanks for being in my wedding girl friend, only you could have mad John so mad when you messed with his 🚗 that was so funny Ill never forget you! You will certainly be missed by many. My prayers and condolences go out to your family, Becky and Katie your mother loved you so much and always spoke about you both, take care and God Bless you all!*

Dorina and John Meyer - May 20, 2021 at 12:28 PM

KM

“ We live in the same apartments as Barb did. She would come over and sit with our little dog so we could go out and he wouldn't bark while we were gone. We hardly knew her then, but we soon found her to be a caring and generous person. She will be missed by so many. I am sure that heaven will benefit from her humor and grace.



KATHRYN MCVAY - May 20, 2021 at 10:29 AM

LC

“ Barb! We had many good times together. I sure will miss talking to you. As I celebrate your life. I think of all at the good works you did for others. You all ways thought of others before yourself. I'm sure you have received your reward with our LORD .
Rest in peace! Till we meet again! Linda Waterhouse Cook

Linda Waterhouse Cook - May 20, 2021 at 09:57 AM