



Barbara Bender Howe

December 12, 1934 - May 2, 2019

Barbara “Barb” Bender Howe died peacefully at Life Care Center of Altamonte Springs, Florida on May 2, 2019 at the age of 84.

Barbara is survived by her sister, Judith Conrad; son, Richard Howe; granddaughters Samantha Howe, Bayleigh Howe and Alyssandra Howe-Hutson; and great-grandson Jaxson Howe; as well as many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her son Robert Howe; and sister Jacqueline Haley.

Barbara was born on December 12, 1934 in New Castle, Pennsylvania to her parents Charles and Bernice Bender. She graduated from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio in 1956 with a degree in elementary education. Upon graduating, Barbara went on to get married and have her two sons, Robert Howe and Richard Howe. Many years later, she went to receive her masters degree in education at the University of Central Florida. She was very involved in not only her children’s lives, but her granddaughters and great-grandson’s lives as well. Barbara’s family meant the world to her and she was always attending school events, sporting games, or taking her grandchildren to explore new things together.

Barbara was devoted to helping people and did so in every aspect of her life as she was actively involved in her church, Maitland Presbyterian serving as a

deacon and volunteering anywhere needed, from cooking a meal or helping set up for an event. She was such an incredibly generous woman. Not only did she take care of her own family and serve in her church, she also volunteered at the Hospice of the Comforter for numerous years where she gave countless hours of her time serving those who needed it the most. Anyone who has crossed paths with Barbara knew just how incredible and undeniable her love for helping others was.

A funeral is scheduled for May 18, 2019 at 1pm at Maitland Presbyterian Church, with a gathering to follow there as well. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Barbara's life. The family asks that any contributions in her name, are made to the Hospice of the Comforter.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Maitland Presbyterian Church
341 N. Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751

Tribute Wall

DK

“Bender”....My dearest friend, ever...I have no words to tell not only how deeply you influenced my life. You were generous, to a fault, with time, enthusiasm, love, interest, energy, advice, and so much more to oh so many! Jonathan's Auntie Barb, ever producing favorite meals and fun sleep overs. Barb and I took every class for our masters' together, and marched together in 1984. What a role model! What a super star! She was everyones' cheerleader, had everyone in giggles or pulled everyone into interesting conversations about current events. There just are no words...a hole in many hearts, an applique on the quilts of each person who was lucky enough to share time with he... the missing puzzle piece of the best of times we shared. Barb said so many wise things, like when she was asked, "which of your children is adopted?" She answered instantly, "I forget." passing no judgement but certainly teaching a huge lesson in a gentle way. She was a master at these nuggets. Rick and grandchildren, we all share your pain because we all love her so. Barb meant so very much to so very many. May she rest in peace, God Bless her precious soul.
Donna Gail Kirkland

Donna Gail Kirkland - October 07, 2019 at 12:28 AM

AC

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Barbara Howe..She was such a sweet woman, I had enjoyed her when we were subbing at Keeth Elementary..Always kind and always asking how I was as I asked her..She will be sorely missed..

AnneMarie Croce - May 20, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Barbara Bender Howe.*



May 17, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Bender Howe.*



May 17, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Barbara was a mentor to so many people at Keeth Elementary. She cared about her students first! When I joined the Keeth family, she provided a warm welcome and gave insight to how things "rolled" at Keeth. Gracious, dedicated, and forever striving to give the best to her students. She was always sharing about her wonderful family. Balance in life was important to Barbara- to spend time with family, to give when called, and to work hard every day. Peace and hugs to all of you.*

Sue Checefsky - May 17, 2019 at 09:05 AM

LS

“ In the over 30 years Barb was my friend she constantly impressed me with her overwhelming generosity and desire to be of service. She was one of the few people I've known who always put others ahead of herself. She was ready to do anything with me--- from movie-going, visiting museums,baking Christmas cookies,going out to lunch or having "girls weekend" at the beach. On our adventure to New Orleans Dave and she feasted on spicy Cajun shrimp that just made my eyes water! I will miss my "Bunco buddie" and loving friend so much. Linda Sawyer

Linda Sawyer - May 16, 2019 at 03:34 PM

SM

“ I will always remember Barb for her total kindness and generosity to others. She always had a hug and a smile for me, whenever we got together. She will be greatly missed by all, and especially by me. Sue McClure

Sue McClure - May 16, 2019 at 01:32 PM

CP

“ Barbara and I taught together at Red Bug and Winter Springs Elementary. She was such a great teacher and more than that a true friend. We sure had some wonderful times in and outside of school. May God bless Barbara's family at this difficult time. Remember she was so loved and admired by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Candyce Potter

Candyce Potter - May 16, 2019 at 09:56 AM

PQ

“ She will be missed. Barb was a pleasure to be with.

Perry Quinton - May 16, 2019 at 07:58 AM

CB

“ One of my favorite memories of Barb, that shows how fun she can be, was when Debbie and I were staying with her and Bob when we were just kids, Barb fixed us this really yummy dessert and topped it with a lot of whipped cream!!! After setting it before us, she walked around behind us and gently pushed our faces into our yummy desert!!! We LOVED IT and thought it was so fun of her to do that!!!
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Carole Bobbitt - May 15, 2019 at 04:49 PM

SB

“ Dear Rick and family, I am so heartbroken for you all. I know how much Barb loved and adored each of you. May she Rest In Peace and watch over you until you meet again. I absolutely respected, admired and adored Barb. I met her when Keeth Elementary opened their doors, and got to know her as a magnificent educator, and wonderfully giving woman. We shared many laughs about Championship Wrestling (haha) shared many birthday celebrations at school, ate numerous homemade sticky buns that she was known for making, and enjoyed a friendship that was truly meaningful. I am so sorry I won't be in town for her service, but I know Barb would smile and say that she understands. I will pray that God will give you strength to get through this terrible time.
Sue Burger 😭❤️

Sue Burger - May 15, 2019 at 04:33 PM

BH

“ I love you so much, Grandma! My forever best friend!

Bayleigh Howe - May 15, 2019 at 04:11 PM