



Barbara Mock

June 14, 1934 - October 18, 2019

Barbara Ruth (Peterson) Mock, 85, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, October 18, 2019 in Lawrence, Kansas. She was born in Salina, Kansas, on June 14, 1934, daughter of Merlin L. and M. Pauline (Komarek) Peterson. She lived in Saline County until 1944 when the family moved to a farm near Little River in Rice County, Kansas, where she completed elementary school. She graduated from Little River High School in 1952. She entered nurses' training at Grace Hospital of Nursing in Hutchinson, Kansas, and received her RN in 1955. She was married to Lyle H. Mock in Hutchinson, Kansas, on May 26, 1956.

Barbara and Lyle were delighted to welcome their daughter, Rebecca L., who was born to them a few years later in Hutchinson.

Barbara worked most of her nursing career at Grace Hospital (later Hutchinson Hospital) until she moved from Hutchinson many years later.

Barbara was heartbroken at the sudden death of her beloved Lyle on October 29, 1988. In 1991, she moved to Topeka to be near her daughter and family in Topeka, Kansas, where she rejoiced in watching her grandchildren grow to adulthood, the marriage of her granddaughter and later the birth of her great-grandson.

Some of her time in the early years in Topeka she used her nursing skills at an outpatient medical facility where she worked until her retirement. After her retirement she was active in her church, volunteering in its various ministries, and did volunteer work for the public library and Kansas Historical Museum. Barbara was a member of First Christian Church in Hutchinson and Westside Christian Church in Topeka.

Barbara and her family enjoyed spending time with friends and family and weekends and vacations were often spent fishing, boating and water skiing on lakes near and far. Barbara also enjoyed reading and attending concerts and other cultural events. She had a good eye for color and design and liked working with her hands. She often had some kind

of “crafty project” that piqued her interest. She loved to travel and in retirement years took several meaningful trips to Europe, Alaska and Canada with siblings and friends, as well as other less lengthy adventures.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, Lyle, and her brother, Paul Peterson. She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca L. Blick of Topeka, granddaughter Lindsay Orion of Lawrence, Kansas and grandson Andrew Blick of Topeka, and her great grandson, Finnley Hamm of Lawrence. Also surviving are her sister, Dorothy Sitts of McPherson, Kansas and sister-in-law, Meredith Peterson Davis of Little River, Kansas, other relatives and friends.

Barbara passed peacefully October 18, 2019 at Pioneer Ridge Health and Rehab in Lawrence, Kansas. Her last days were made more comfortable through the support of family and Midland Care Hospice.

Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614, followed by funeral service at 2 p.m. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson, KS.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library or Westside Christian Church sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery

Memorial Park Cemetery

5905 W 4th Ave

Hutchinson, KS, 67501

Events

OCT **Visitation** 01:00PM

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Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS, US, 66614

OCT **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
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OCT **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - October 21, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ I first met Barbara in 1954 at Grace Hospital as a freshman in the nursing program, She was a senior at that time. In 1974 we began working together at the hospital. Barbara and I took several trips together during that time to get new ideas for our surgical/ recovery department. She was with me when I received word that my father had passed away, as we were on one of those trips. We worked together in moving the surgical/ recovery area to a new hospital known as Hutchinson Hospital. I still to this day think about our days of working together, the good times as well as the other times. I will remember all of those memories. Becky I am so sorry for your loss.

Donna Schroeder - October 20, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ Remembering the many years we spent together in the Post Anesthesia Unit at Hutchinson Hospital. Friends as student nurses, the members of the team for 20+ years. You have earned your rest. Rest well dear friend. I will carry with me the precious memories. Evelyn McIver

Evelyn McIver - October 20, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ Becky, so sorry to hear this news. My sympathies to you and your family.

Donna Ringeey - October 20, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ Barbara was a beautiful lady, inside and out. She was always giving and caring for those around her. At Lexington, she took care of those who needed help. She had a great sense of humor. It was not the same when she left. I am blessed to have known her. Prayers go out to her family. Mary Ann Robison

Mary Ann Robison - October 20, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Mock.



October 20, 2019 at 11:33 AM