



## Barbara "Barb" Waters

November 4, 1941 - August 5, 2024

Barbara Susan Waters, 82, left this earth to meet our heavenly father on Tuesday, August 5, 2024, in Topeka, Kansas. She was born November 4, 1941, to Jim and Betty Holland in London, England. Barbara met the love of her life, Richard T. Waters Jr., and married him on July 15, 1989.

Barb was a strong, confident woman who never stopped helping and giving to others. She loved her family, her birthplace, England, but most of all, she loved God. She had many lifelong friends from England who she stayed in contact with. She volunteered for many organizations at St. David's Episcopal Church, such as organizing dinners and the prayer shawl ministry, and leading bible study. On her free time, she volunteered as a literacy tutor for Let's Help and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Barb had a quick sense of humor and was an avid reader, craft maker, and gourmet cook. She was actively involved politically in the Democratic party. She was an active member in Daughters of the King and British Wives and built many good friendships in these organizations.

Barb held several jobs throughout her lifetime. She worked at places such as Midway Wholesale, Fleming Foods, Landmark Real Estate, Bum Steer, but her favorite job of them all was being a mother, wife, grandmother, and big sister to anybody who needed it. She loved being a grandmother especially, she was always talking about them and finding every reason to bring them up

in conversation.

Barb is survived by her husband, Richard Waters Jr.; children, Renae Waters, Ricky Waters III, Kelly Waters; grandchildren, Couron, Michael, Matthew, Howard, Ravyn; great-grandchildren, Couron, Jr, Layla; siblings, Mike Holland (Jan), Paul Holland (June), John Holland (Kathleen); and several nieces, nephews, and cousins from the US and UK.

Barb is preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Betty Holland.

Funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, August 23, 2024, at St. David's Episcopal Church, 3916 SW 17th St. Topeka KS 66604.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. David's Episcopal Church, Topeka Rescue Mission, or Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. David's Episcopal Church  
3916 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara "Barb" Waters.*



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August 20, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *Love to the family from Barb's Bum Steer family...we had some fantastic times!!!  
Janice Waldo (even though she insisted on calling me Jan!!)*

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**Janice Waldo** - August 18, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ *Farewell from a fellow expat Brit, so glad that Barb came into my life.  
Terry C.*

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**Terrc Clark** - August 17, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ *Richard and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Barb. During my court reporting days of working with Richard, Barb and I would often visit and I always enjoyed our conversations. She had a wonderful sense of humor. She will be missed. Alison Parker Davis*

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**Alison Parker Davis** - August 13, 2024 at 04:16 PM

RJ

“ Barbara and I grew up together in Richmond Surrey England. We had know each other since we were 8 years old, Barbara was funny loyal and just a lovely person. Richard and her family were her heart. I shall miss her so much. God Bless my dearest friend. With love Rita Jarvis

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**Rita Jarvis** - August 13, 2024 at 11:04 AM

BS

“ Barb was one of the first people to talk to Vince and I when we came to St. David's made us feel so welcome. Even though Vince can't come with me anymore she always ask about him and said she was praying for him and me. Her smile was infectious and her sweet laugh. I will miss you Barb.  
Richard I am sending you my love and prayers.  
Brenda Schell

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**Brenda Schell** - August 12, 2024 at 06:13 PM

JS

“ Barb was a very good environmentalist and a long time friend. She organized lovely Earth Day services at St. Davids. Chief Seattle said that there is no death, only a change of worlds. I am confident that Barb will be working for the betterment of our planet from her new world. She'll still be busy. I'll miss her.  
Judy Scherff

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**Judith Scherff** - August 11, 2024 at 04:05 PM

BK

“ Barb was born during the Blitz of London in 1941, her dad Jim used to tell me stories of that time he was in the Army and was stationed near where they lived. She was my favorite girl cousin and I have many fond memories of her. She was such a sweetheart, very loving, thoughtful, considerate, funnie and a very good cook. I cannot find the words to express to her husband and family what we will miss. To many great things to say and not enough space or time to say them. Love you Barb, Barry

Barry Knight - August 11, 2024 at 02:58 PM

JF

“ To: Richard and the family, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family. It was just a few months ago that I was able to see Barb, and share a warm conversation with her. She will be missed, and you have my continuous prayers. Judy Smith @ family.

Judy Smith @ Family - August 09, 2024 at 07:54 PM

RR

“ Our Dearest Friend Barbara, we will miss you so much. You were such a good neighbor. I will miss our talks and your laughter. We will miss waving to you as you drove down the street; we will miss you pulling over to say “Hi” and always inviting us over to visit. You will be dearly missed. Ralph and Anna Razo

Ralph and Anna Razo - August 08, 2024 at 10:11 PM

KB

“ Barb was an amazing presence at St. David's and I will miss her. She always had a smile or encouraging word to anyone who came in contact with her.



Kirsten Book - August 08, 2024 at 10:00 AM

MH

“ *It was always such a joy to be around Barb and we will miss her immensely. She had a great sense of humor so we were never sure what she would come up with. She always asked about our grandchildren, especially the ones she had met. We pray for her family, especially Richard. A huge loss for us all*

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**Marilyn and Mike Homan** - August 08, 2024 at 08:13 AM

MS

*Barb will missed. We will remember her kindness and good nature.*

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**Mary and Sonny** - August 22, 2024 at 11:00 PM