



Barbara Ann Bruner

November 20, 1949 - May 17, 2017

Barbara Ann Bruner, 67, Topeka, KS, passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at the House at Midland Care after a short battle with cancer.

Barbara was born November 20, 1949, in Topeka, the daughter of Dale and Pauline Stolte Hall. She attended Assumption Grade School and graduated from Hayden High School in 1967. She married David Bruner of Topeka in May 1970; they later divorced.

Barbara worked for over 30 years at Hall Commercial Printing, a family business founded by her father. In her 50s Barbara's compassionate nature and devotion to helping people in need gave her the courage to drastically change her life as she returned to school, first to complete a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Washburn University and then to earn a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Kansas State University. Dedicated to serving the poor and sick, Barbara immediately set to work helping the underprivileged. She started a not for profit foundation to provide free family therapy, counseling, and support, and she worked as a civil servant, aiding children and parents caught in the correctional and foster systems. Barbara volunteered for Corita's Corner, which provides free lunch to those in need, and served on several charitable boards over the years including Topeka Aids Project (now Positive Connections) and most recently as board secretary for Hope and Healing Academy, an equine (horse)

facilitated psychotherapy program.

Barbara was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and had a cherished relationship with her Christ Renews His Faith prayer group, Team 8. She was actively involved with Topeka Civic Theatre throughout the years, both as a long-time volunteer and as a one-time staff member. She treasured friendships she made there and the strong sense of community it offered. She was a driving force in organizing her high school reunions, working tirelessly to keep the class of '67 connected in the 50 years since their graduation. Barbara loved being around people and playing games, and she belonged to three separate card groups. Her compassionate nature, generosity, and love for people led her in many directions and everywhere she went people were always better for it.

Grateful to have shared her life are her children, Kristine "Kale" Bruner, Deb Bruner, and Lisa Bruner; her long-awaited and much-adored grandson, Charles; siblings, Paulette Allensworth, Steve Hall (Maura), and Betty Grahner; sisters-in-law, Marianne Denny, Connie Bruner; brother-in-law, Larry Bruner; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Billy and Cliff Hall; mother-in-law, Anna Mae Denny; sisters-in-law, Pauline Stanwix, Elizabeth Denny, Carol Bruner; brother-in-law, Mike Bruner and ex-husband, David Bruner.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A memorial service will be Tuesday 11 a.m. at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 27th Street, Topeka KS 66604

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hope and Healing Academy, the House at Midland Care, or Corita's Corner, sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Memorial Service

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

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann Bruner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family at this painful time. Betty and I used to go to Assumption grade school together over 50 years ago, and that is how I knew Barbara. I recently moved back to Topeka after being away for over 25 years. Again, my condolences to the entire Hall family.*

Judy Gisbert Kukish

Judy Gisbert Kukish - May 28, 2017 at 11:19 AM



“ *To the Bruner Family (Deb), I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. She will be missed at Topeka Civic Theatre Senior Class! Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Kim & Jim Mathewson

Kim Mathewson - May 23, 2017 at 08:38 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved family member. I worked with Barbara briefly, and we shared some good laughs together. She will be missed.*



Valeri Tuley - May 23, 2017 at 05:07 AM

BJ

“ Sincere sympathy in the passing of your mom Barb. Did lots of theatre with her, such a neat person. B J

beverly johnston - May 22, 2017 at 08:03 PM

MC

“ Marge Walters Cooper lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Bruner



Marge Walters Cooper - May 22, 2017 at 07:51 PM

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Marge Walters Cooper - May 22, 2017 at 03:27 PM

MC

To the Bruner & Hall Families,

I'm sorry to read about the passing of Barbara. She been so passionate & instrumental in getting the Hayden Class of 67 reunions together every five years. It saddens me she will not be there for the up & coming 50th Reunion but she will not miss Spiritually with those she hung around with.

May God Bless her Soul in Eternal Peace, Amen 💔

Prayers to the Families of Barbara, may the memories fill your hearts at this time.

Hayden High School Class of 1967.

Marge Walters Cooper

Marge Walters Cooper - May 22, 2017 at 08:01 PM

KC

My sincere sympathy to the Bruner family on the loss of Barbara. My prayers are with you all.

Kay Clark - May 22, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Bruner.*



May 22, 2017 at 02:23 PM

TS

“ Toby & David Levy(Phyllis's daughter & son-in-law) purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Barbara Ann Bruner.



Toby & David Levy(Phyllis's daughter & son-in-law) - May 22, 2017 at 10:42 AM

GL

“ Chris, Debbie, Lisa AND Susie,
Many good times in past years with your mom. We go WAY back because of Susie. I remember a swim party at her parents house when I was in High School, Aunt Susie's Youth Group was invited and that was the first time I met your mom. Bowling league when you kids were little. KPL "line" days, times at Anna Mae's, PartyLite fun and great visits at the grocery store. She was so proud of you girls. Know that you are all in my prayers.
Glenda "Counsellor" SENNE



Glenda - May 20, 2017 at 02:45 PM

DB

Loved your Mom. It was always so fun to visit with her. You are all in my prayers. I grew up next to Susie and then we have always been friends.

Deba Langston Brant

Deba Brant - May 21, 2017 at 09:27 PM

EY

Betty and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking and praying for you all

Ej Yewell - May 22, 2017 at 02:15 PM