



## Dixie Lee Barb

July 13, 1935 - August 13, 2017

Dixie Lee Barb, 82, Topeka, passed away Sunday, August 13, 2017, at the House at Midland Care.

Dixie was born on July 13, 1935, in Russell KS, the daughter of Lionel and Mildred Nix Barb. After graduating high school, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education and started her career as a Physical Education teacher and coach for USD #501. Dixie was first assigned to Roosevelt Junior High School and helped start girls' competitive sports. After seven years, she became a Physical Education teacher and coach for girls' basketball and track at Highland Park High School. During her tenure as coach at Highland Park, Dixie coached several girls who excelled as athletes in addition to two State Championship track teams. In the mid-sixties, she and a co-worker developed the health class that was a graduation requirement for many years. Dixie retired in 1995, after 37 years of dedicated service. Dixie was inducted into the Highland Park High School Wall of Honor in 2002.

Dixie is survived by her companion, Ruth Bybee.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Earl Dean Barb.

A celebration of Dixie's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS

66614.

Inurnment will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017, in Topeka Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Helping Hands Humane Society, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Topeka Cemetery

1601 SE 10th Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66607

# Previous Events

## A Celebration of Life

AUG 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



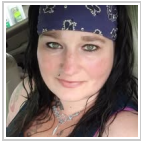
“ *Dixie Lee Barb*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Wonderful memories of Coach Barb at HPHS may you RIP*

**M. Maples** - August 26, 2017 at 06:54 PM



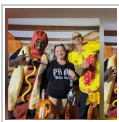
“ *Had her as a person teacher in high school... she was my favorite teacher... she will be missed by many!*

**April York** - August 25, 2017 at 06:06 AM



“ *I had Miss Barb as my PE teacher. My first year of high school. I learned a lot from her.*

**Annette Shaw** - August 25, 2017 at 02:54 AM



*As did I* ❤️❤️

**Chairity Long** - August 25, 2017 at 06:17 AM



*I had her as a PE teacher and a hell of a coach. She helped me improve my running skills. We had one of the best track teams in 1979. I was the first female to run cross country in 1977, due to her encouragement.*

**Sharon Kimbrough** - May 04, 2019 at 08:27 PM

VW

“ Thank you Miss Barb for being the educator and coach that you were. I was always a better competitor when you put the screws to me. I mean that with all the love in the world. If you never had Miss jBarb breathing her coffee/smoke breath on you, you were doing okay. She worked us hard and I believe she always had an investment in our being well educated and well coached. Thank you so much for your dedication in me and my classmates/teammates. May God take you into his loving arms.

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**Vandora Wilson** - August 24, 2017 at 08:04 PM

 Kathy Wofford

“ I had the great fortune to have Ms Barb for a teacher all 3 years of high school. She was hard on me when I needed it and she praised me when I deserved it. She was what I needed. Thank you for many good memories and a whole bunch of laughs!!!

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**Kathy Wofford** - August 24, 2017 at 01:35 PM

NS

“ Thank you Ms Barb for pushing me to do better than I did the week before during track. While I never became the runner that you were so sure I would, the encouraging words and criticism will never be forgotten. RIP, Ms Barb

*Nancy Leathers Smith class of 79*

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**Nancy Smith** - August 23, 2017 at 04:26 PM

KB

“ I remember Miss Barb as our girls' PE teacher at Roosevelt Jr. High. She was energetic and kind to all of us, yet had high standards for her classes. I hadn't thought about jr. high days for a while, yet yesterday Miss Barb came to my mind wondering how much older she was than us when we were her students. This morning I read of her passing.

Kathy Thompson Brooks - August 23, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ I really enjoyed having Miss Barb for PE. She always talked to us kids in the hall. She was one of the bright spots in high school. She will be missed.

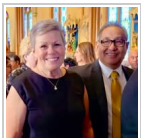
Kathy Beach - August 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM

FT

“ Sincere Condolences To The Barb Family, Death leave a heartache that only God Almighty Can heal, Love leaves precious memories that no one can steal. May the God "of all comfort" be with you. With Kindness, Peace and Comfort,



F. Taylor - August 23, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ When I go down memory lane and think of our High School years, Ms Barb is one of the teachers who made such an impact on so many students lives. She truly loved what she did and we're all are examples of her passion of teaching. Sending prayers of comfort to her family and friends. Rest in Heaven Ms Barb!

Tammy Peters Ortega - August 23, 2017 at 08:14 AM

GF

“ *Dixie was not only my teacher when I was at Highland Park High School, she was also a co-worker when I returned to HPHS as a teacher. She will definitely be missed by many, many former students, colleagues and friends. RIP, Dixie.* ”

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**Gloria G Fish** - August 23, 2017 at 06:28 AM

RG

“ *I am at a loss for words during this sorrowful time. Please know that I am thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort.* ”

*May the passage of time heal your grief,*

*Resa Boydston-Gross  
Topeka, KS*



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**Resa Gross** - August 22, 2017 at 08:45 PM



Pamela  
Blackwell-  
Nwonye

“ *I was on the Highland Park High School track team when we won the State Indoor Championship in 1978. It wasn't luck. It was just plain old no-nonsense, good coaching! She knew what events we should be in and in what order. She made a hurdler out of me when I didn't want to be one--but it worked! It was a priviledge to represent her work and the school. In my life, she will be a part of some of my best memories.* ”

*I wish her family and friends comfort at this time.*

*Pamela "Arzel" Blackwell-Nwonye, Southfield, Michigan*



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**Pamela Blackwell-Nwonye** - August 22, 2017 at 01:51 PM

BF

“ We will miss you Dixie.



Brenda Freeman - August 20, 2017 at 10:56 AM

LA

“ I remember Ruth and Dixie living down the street when I was in elementary and middle school. I mowed their yard one summer to earn extra money. They were always looking out for neighbors and especially the children in the neighborhood. Dixie was the first person to encourage me to try sports. I did. I tried basketball, and I was horrible! But I TRIED! After that, I wasn't afraid to try many new things. Some good, some not so much. This is the kind of positive influence the earth will miss while God has a wonderful angel on his side of the sky.

Laura - August 18, 2017 at 06:28 PM

CC

so sorry to hear this . Dixie was a wonderful teacher and will be missed. my thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends Carol Cooper HPHS class of 77

Carol Ann Cooper - August 24, 2017 at 04:33 AM

KM

So sorry to hear about Dixie's passing. She was a good friend of my mom's for many years.  
Prayers for Ruth and her family.

Kelly Meyer - August 24, 2017 at 03:51 PM

A(

So sad to hear that she has moved on.....She is one of the best memories that i have from high school and will never be forgotten.

Alisa Stubblefield (Harris) - August 24, 2017 at 08:02 PM



*Such a great person and teacher. Ms Barb you will missed dearly..  
Thank you... HPHS Lady Scot For Ever  
Sharon Kingannon*

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**Sharon Mack** - August 25, 2017 at 01:40 PM