



Barbara Ann Friend

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Barbara Ann Friend, 96, beloved mother, passed away October 11, 2015. She was born, June 27, 1919, to Mary Roe and William Hensley of Fulton, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Aaron David Friend.

Though she lived in various states of the United States, and even had the opportunity to experience life in Europe, Barbara was a longtime resident of Longview and always thought of Longview as home.

She was a founding member of Pinewood Missionary Alliance Church now known as Hope Fellowship. She took great joy in sharing her faith and in serving the Lord by holding various positions and offices in the church.

She was also known for her love of teaching. Barbara taught 3rd grade in Arkansas and Kindergarten for many years at Peggy Ann School. Whether in a classroom or with her own grandchildren, she delighted in making an impact on the lives and learning of children. Barbara never met a stranger and made friends easily. She was generous with not only her money, but a kind word and smile. Within minutes of meeting her, she would know your name, share the love she felt for her family, and have you laughing at her witty stories of her childhood.

Left to cherish her memory are her five children; Reggie Friend of Santa Ana, Gale Friend of College Station, Mark Friend and wife, Sheila, of Gladewater, Beth Marinari and husband, Joe, of College Station, and Vicki Murphy and husband, Don, of College Station. She has 7 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews who will miss her greatly.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2015, at Hope Fellowship Church in Longview. Entombment will follow in Memory Park in Longview, TX under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening.



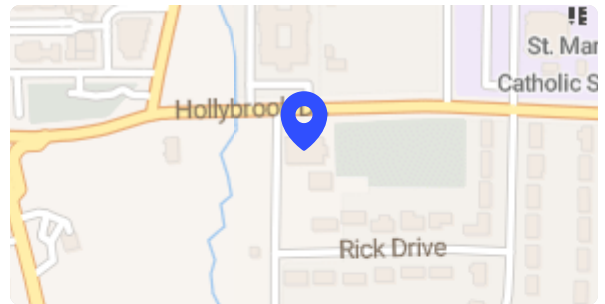
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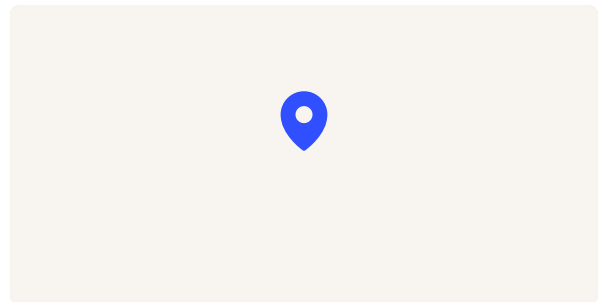
Funeral Service

- Friday**, October 16, 2015
- 10:00 AM CT
- Hope Fellowship Church**
300 Hollybrook, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

- Memory Park Mausoleum**
TX





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VO

Veronica Ochoa posted:

I met Ms. Barbara A few years before her passing at the Sam's Club jewelry counter, one of her rings had been stolen and she was getting a replacement. She was so upset over it she had a hard time finding the right one. While we talked she told me how much she liked my little silver frog ring and went on to tell me how much she liked and collected frogs. I fell in love with this very nice and funny lady, I was having a bad day and she made me smile with her stories, so I let her have my little ring. She wouldn't have it but I insisted and told her to leave it to me I'm her will 😊 so she put it on and told me she would and that I made her day (not as much as she did mine) A day later I was handed a card by her daughter, she said her mom was very happy with her little ring and had sent me a card she had written in herself. My heart runneth over when I opened it and in it was the most beautifully shaken handwritten words of gratitude I've ever seen. Time went on and I never saw her again, on occasion I find her card and I smile. This is the first time I had an urge to look her up and found this obituary, even though it sadden me that I never got to see her again I am happy to know she is in a wonderful place where everyone is "A Friend" It's been 2yrs but my condolences to her family, she was a wonderful Friend. May she RIP, Veronica Ochoa Vro8a72@gmail.com

June 13 at 10:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Friend family.



October 16 at 6:02 AM

LB

Linda Burgess posted:

Dearest Mimi, I loved you for 38 years. You smiled into my life when you came to stay at the hotel in Kijkduin, Holland where I was working - Dado was working on Semac and Vicki was age 15. Being with you always made me happy and I felt so loved - your joie de vivre and sense of humour were precious and I smile remembering all the antics. We shared a love of history and literature - do you remember the trips we made to Steventon in rural Hampshire where Jane Austen lived - I have a treasured photograph of you by the door to the church where her father was Rector; then the visit to the house in Chawton where she lived with her final resting place in Winchester Cathedral. Over the years, when faced with a problem, I would ask myself, 'what would Mimi do?' The last time we met was in the Spring of 2007. I remember the excitement of seeing you again - the anticipation of one of those wonderful hugs - the distances and time apart truly facilitated warm reunions. I want to tell you again how much I love you. You have a heart the size of Texas and my life is richer for knowing you. Thank you dear friend, I will miss you . . . LindaDevon, England

October 15 at 11:32 PM



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MH

Michael & Maria Hensley sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Friend family.

October 15 at 5:59 AM



MF

Maia Friend lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

October 15 at 5:15 AM



VJ

Veronica, Maia, And Jaedyn sent an A Devoted Heart Casket Insert to the Friend family.

October 15 at 3:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern to the Friend family.

October 14 at 5:19 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Friend family.

October 14 at 11:36 AM



MM

Melanie Marshall posted:

I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Friend, but am friends with her daughter Vicki and just wanted to say that she would have had to have been a wonderful lady to have a daughter like Vicki! Thank you for the gift to the world that you have given people- Vicki is a blessing! May you rest in Peace~ Mrs. Friend!

October 14 at 11:34 AM



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SF

Stephen And Rita Ford sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Friend family.

October 13 at 6:52 PM



KL

Kathy Linnemeier sent a virtual gift in honor of Barbara.

October 13 at 3:38 PM



KL

Kathy Linnemeier October 13 at 3:48 PM

I had the pleasure of working with Ms Barbara for the last 3 years. She became my friend and sister in Christ. Jesus used her to teach me lessons and the gift of friendship. I pray for the Lord's peace and comfort for her most beloved family.

JS

Jim (Charlie) And Patricia Summers sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Friend family.

October 13 at 2:53 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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