



Barbara Ann Romans-Harkrader

September 15, 1950 - July 30, 2020

Barbara Ann Head-Romans-Harkrader, 69, went to be with the Lord July 30, 2020, in Hutchinson Island, Florida.

Barbara entered our world on September 15, 1950, and from that point on, nothing would be the same.

Barbara graduated Valley High in 1968. Talented, intelligent, adventurous, stylish and fastidious - Barbara's resume would expand to include professional modeling, administrative and secretarial positions with several prestigious law firms, sales director at Miracle Mile Resort in her beloved Panama City Beach, FL, technical writer for an aviation company, and property management in Miami, FL.

Though Barbie's infectious laugh, sense of humor, and wonderful smile endeared her to all that came in contact with her; she exhibited an inner strength and forthrightness that served her well in the business arena. If you were fortunate enough to have met her, you soon understood the meaning of grace and tenderness, albeit with a slight edge when necessary! Extremely caring and giving, as she had experienced her own times of lack and pain, Barbie made a habit of serving those less fortunate.

Barbie loved music and dancing, tending to her flowers, walking the beach, cuddling her little dogs, and watching the dolphins play in the lagoon from her patio.

God gave us a wonderful gift in the beautiful soul named Barbie. After sharing his creation with us for almost seven decades, he decided to call her home.

And now, - once again, things will never be the same.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father, Charles B. Head, Sr., her mother, Wanda I. Salleng Head, twin sisters, Nada and Nadeen Head, and sister, Mary Charlotte Buzzee.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Harkrader, son, Brian Romans, brother, Charles B. Head, Jr., three sisters, Patricia H. Sutter, Wanda K. Rogers (Bob) and Christine Hobert, several nieces and nephews, a life-long friend, Donna Slaughter Canary, and her beloved dog, Benny.

The family has entrusted the Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with her arrangements and burial will be in Clarkson Cemetery, Clarkson, KY

Tribute Wall



“ Owen Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Ann Romans-Harkrader



Owen Funeral Homes - August 12, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Romans-Harkrader.



August 12, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ By the time I was 5 my sister Barbara was gone from home. I missed out on really getting to know her, She was always in search of something missing I hope in heaven she has found it. She was a beautiful lady wanting what we all want true love and happiness. Mom, Dad and Charlotte please look out for her....Love you always your baby sister!



Christine Hobert

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“ *My mother was a loving, beautiful person. Although she had many struggles in her life, she would give you anything that she could...but she could also take it back if you made her mad enough (like mother, like son). She was never one to back down from anything and you always knew exactly where you stood with her.*



Like any mother and son, we had our share of disagreements, fights and times of not speaking, but we were always in each other's hearts and loved very much. You are in a much better place now; no more pain or struggles. I'm sure you were greeted with open arms and I know grandma June was at the front of the line to greet you. I love you and rest in peace mother.

Brian Romans - August 11, 2020 at 09:53 AM

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“ *"My sister Barbara was a beautiful, sweet, caring, person who always stood up for what or who she believed in. As a big sister, she nurtured me. She could light up a room with her smile & laughter. We have had many happy times together that I will cherish and never forget. I will miss her, but I know she is no longer suffering and is at peace. I hope to see her again & until then I will miss her every day... Love you forever & always,"*



Wanda Head Rogers

Wanda Rogers - August 11, 2020 at 09:10 AM

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“ *Barbara was a beautiful and dear sister to me. We were close throughout life, getting in and out of mischievous trouble, sharing laughter, problems and lots of tears. We would have our ups and downs like most sisters, but still continued loving each other. I will miss her terribly and I pray to see and be with her again some day. Barb, I loved you back then and I will continue to love you as always. No more pain and tears! May you rest in peace. Love...*



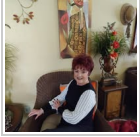
Patricia Sutter - August 11, 2020 at 08:08 AM

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“ *Patricia H. Sutter lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Romans-Harkrader*



Patricia H. Sutter - August 11, 2020 at 07:26 AM



“ I met Barbara when I was 13 and she was 14. We became fast friends. I was rather sheltered and she was already street smart. She was beautiful but her soul was even prettier. I admired her fierce loyalty to those she cared about and I was lucky enough to be one of them. She had the heart of a lion except hers was made of pure gold. She always fought for the under dog. I guess that was because she was one herself. Shortly after we met I told her she was coming home to live with my family. Mom and Dad welcomed her with open arms. I believe for the first time in her up to then short life, she felt truly loved.

Barbara had the ability to talk non stop and as far as I could tell never had to take a breath. Many mornings after a long night of her telling me about her adventures of the day, Mom would come in to wake us up for school and we were both still sitting up in bed sound asleep. We had so many experiences in school they are too numerous to share here. Let's just say boyfriends, wrecked cars, speeding tickets (mostly mine) borrowing each others clothes, school dances, missed curfews, break ups, laughter and a few tears.

After graduation we stayed in each others lives. Through marriages, the birth of her son Brian, divorces, new relationships, living together off and on and sometimes working together.

In 1982 that all changed. Her life took her to Florida and mine took me to California. We managed to see each other from time to time and we never lost touch. I only wish we could have been closer geographically. We did manage to spend a few holidays together. My husband Bill loved her and she loved him.

I will cherish her friendship and know that I am a better person for having had her in my life. She was a challenge but she was worth the fight. I know she is in heaven with people who loved her and that she is truly happy. I will miss you my sweet friend. I love you.

Donna S. Canary

Donna Canary - August 11, 2020 at 01:13 AM