Barbara Leone Hunter

JUNE 22, 2019



Barbara Leone Hunter, née Flarity of Airdrie, AB in her 67th year, passed away in hospice in Calgary, AB. on Saturday, June 22nd, 2019 with her family around her.

Born in Oxenden, Ontario, Barb was the youngest of 4 children, born to a hard-working fisherman father and hairdressing mother. She spent her childhood playing in the creek, befriending animals and playing piano.

After graduating high school and obtaining her nursing certificate she ventured over to Europe, backpacking with friends and then returned home to marry Joseph (Reginald) Hunter and migrated west to Edmonton.

Having a daughter (Theresa) then moving to a farm in Bonnyville, AB., she tended to the garden, raised livestock and then had two sons (Michael and Casey) and after being a homemaker for several years, decided to return to work taking up a position in the Gerontology Unit in the Bonnyville hospital.

After divorce and moving to Airdrie, AB, she continued to work with the elderly at the Bethany Care Society until her retirement and then volunteering after.

Barb was a compassionate, kind and patient soul, always thinking of others and making the best of every situation. She enjoyed several hobbies throughout her lifetime which included, reading, puzzles, painting, playing the piano, colouring,

being outdoors and watching movies. She adored her dog (Buddy) and her cat (Thomas).

After a bout with cancer, Barb developed pulmonary fibroses and spent her last 5 years on oxygen, not letting that stop her from enjoying life to the fullest, she traveled, spent time with friends and was able to watch her grandchildren graduate high school.

She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Theresa (Travis) McCracken; sons, Michael and Casey Hunter and grandchildren, Julie and Jonah of Airdrie, AB.

Lovingly remembered by sister in law, Leone Flarity, Milton, ON.; brother, Peter of Paisley ON.; and brother, Dick, (Brenda) of Pt. Elgin. ON. Predeceased by her parents, Doris and Reeve Flarity, oldest brother Houston, and infant niece, Patty.

Her family would like to personally thank all of Barbs caregivers, specialists, and staff at both AgeCare Sagewood in Strathmore and Intercare Chinook Hospice in Calgary. We would also like to thank both Corrie White and Haley Brietzke. You both meant the world to our mother and your friendship throughout the years was worth more than you will ever know.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made in Barb’s name to your local animal rescue. Barb’s Celebration of Life will be held at the Best Western, Airdrie in the Diamond Room on Friday, July 12, 2019 at 2:00 pm MST.

She will be sadly missed by all who’s hearts she touched.

Messages of Condolence

Glad we got out to see her when we did, Really appreciative of all the wonderful care you provided for her while she was with you. We mourn for your mom as well, but we will not grieve too long, knowing she is with her Saviour now and forever. Your mom will be a great loss, time is a wonderful healer. The Lord bless you all with his comfort and strength.

— Dick, Brenda and Pete

We are so very sorry that your Mother has passed , she was a wonderful person and we will miss her dearly. It was really nice that we got to see her when she came East for an occasional visit. We really enjoyed her company .
Our condolences to you Theresa and Michael and Casey and to your families, from all the Mallard families in Ontario. Hugs to all .

— Jack and Jeanette Mallad (cousins)

Sending lots a love, light, and healing to all of you. Barb is my special friend and will always hold a huge part of my heart.

— Haley brietzke

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Barb was a special lady with a kind and beautiful soul much loves by those of us lucky enough to work with her. She supported so many of us through life changes with kind and sensible advice. May she Rest In Peace

— Eileen

We are truly sorry to hear about Barb‘s passing and send love and strength to you. My fondest memory of Barb is sitting in her camping chair on top of the embankment leading to the lake, with a book in her hand and Buddy at her feet. I’d like to imagine she is sitting wherever she went just like that, peaceful and happy just to watch over her family with her faithful little companion at her side.

Lots of Love!
The Warnken Family from Germany

— Janna Warnken and Family

My condolences goes out to Barb's family. She was a fantastic friend and a wonderful co-worker to be with. I will miss her dearly. I will also miss helping her with her clock when she needed to change her batteries.... She was a very hard working lady and I enjoyed the time I have had to know her. Rest in peace my dear friend..

— Danielle Swanson

The Gingras family sends its condolences and prayers to your family. You shall miss your mother but your memories of her shall keep you going. Barb may have been small but she had a mighty strength within her to keep your family together and going strong. As time goes by remember these lessons and pass them on.

— Paul Cindy Morgan and Courtney Gingras

I feel so privileged to have known such a beautiful soul. I will treasure my memories. Rest peacefully beautiful angel.

— Dee

We are so sorry to hear of Barb’s passing, Let your heart be comforted by the loving memories! Gone from our sight,but never from our hearts!, You all are in our thoughts during this difficult time! RIP BARB

— Ron & Marj Flarity

Sending our deepest condolences to Theresa, Travis, Mike and Casey along with the grandkids. We will miss your mother dearly as she is a beautiful kind silly soul, oh how beautiful heaven must be to have gained this fallen angel. We are so blessed to have met you guys and Barb in these few short months. May our prayers help comfort you all.

— Kayla, Rosa, Rebeca, Cristina

My condolences to the family I had the privilege to work with Barb she will always be a very special person in my life. She touched me in so many ways with love

— Dona Trockstad

Sending hugs to you all. Barb was a very gentle soul always so kind. May her light keep shining everyday .

— Tracy Rash

Our condolences for Michael, Teresa and their families, you did a great job Barbara, you raised excellent children, responsible, kind and good-hearted, your life was a great contribution to the world, you helped many sick people throughout your life.

— Efrain Pacheco

I was saddened to read of Barbara's passing. My sincere condolences to her family. We spent our summers at my grandpa Searles' cottage next to the Flarity's. We spent a lot of time along the creek, hiking down the road, or just hanging around. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

— Les Anderson

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