



Barbara Louise Voorhees

December 7, 1946 - April 27, 2020

Barbara Louise Voorhees, 73, of Grand Island passed away on Monday, April 27, 2020.

There will be a private celebration of life service held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at All Faiths Funeral Home. However, family and friends are welcome to participate in the virtual service which will be live streamed on the All Faiths Funeral Home Facebook page. Pastor Todd Bowen will officiate.

Burial will be Friday at Westlawn Hillcrest Cemetery in Omaha. Pastor Eric Olson will officiate.

Barbara was born December 7, 1946 in El Paso, Texas, the daughter of Wiley and Willie Mae (Nunley) Shoemaker. She graduated from Sanderson High School, Texas, in 1965 before attending Durham Business College in San Antonio, graduating in 1966. Barbara was employed with Texas Pharmacal Company.

On July 14, 1967, Barbara was united in marriage to Donald Voorhees in Sanderson, TX, following his discharge from the United States Army. They soon relocated to Omaha where they made their home for the next 40 plus years. They were blessed with one son, Jeffrey Douglas Voorhees. The couple moved to Grand Island in 2016.

Those who cherish her memory include sisters, Glenda (Kyle) Walker, Nancy (Charles) Fletcher and Lisa Herrington and brother, David Shoemaker, all of Texas; sister-in-law, Virginia (Ron) Townsend of Grand Island; mother of her grandchildren, Katie (Tim) Thurkettle of Hudsonville, MI; grandchildren, Calvin,

Hannah, Felicity and Gabriel Voorhees; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald in 2017; son, Jeffrey in 2008; and her parents.

Memorials are suggested to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or to an organization of the donor's choice in Barbara's name.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Louise Voorhees*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *We were just informed of Barbara's passing. She was a long-time patron and supporter of First Folio Theatre and we will miss seeing her in our audience.*

David Rice

David Rice - December 28, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ *I felt bad to hear Barbara passed away - she was a sweet woman. I want to send my sympathy to her family and friends. I knew Barbara from Methodist (in the Business Office). I'm happy God took her home to be with her family. Rest in peace Barbara*

Molly Oldenhuis - May 01, 2020 at 05:08 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. My whole life, I kept calling her "Mrs. Voorhees," since I grew up very close friends with her son, Jeff. But she always wanted me to call her Barbara, and so I will do so here.



Barbara was one of the sweetest people I've ever known. I am glad that I at least peripherally kept in touch with her and Donald after my dear friend Jeff died in a tragic car accident over 10 years ago, shortly after I moved out of State to Alabama. I visited Donald and Barbara once when back in Omaha, and kept in touch periodically with them by phone and Christmas cards since. She was a wonderful example of Christ, and certainly had her crosses to bear - far more than most. I know she literally had a tear in her heart - likely from the tragic and sudden loss of her only, wonderful, son. I am saddened to hear of her passing, but yet joyous too - knowing she will now be spending time with Jeff and Donald again - and also knowing she is with our Risen Savior. May God bless her soul. I wish all her remaining family, especially Katie and her children (with whom I sadly lost touch) - blessings and comfort during this time. And I thank her family in Grand Island for being so kind and loving to her during and after Donald's passing. May God bless you all. - Matt and Andria Schulz (honored to have been close friends with Jeff Voorhees for years) - Montgomery, AL.

Matt and Andria Schulz - April 30, 2020 at 03:22 PM