



Barbara Misterek

October 8, 1948 - January 14, 2010

Barbara Ann Misterek, 61, Bismarck, died January 14, 2010, at her home after a long struggle with breast cancer. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm Wednesday at First Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Marvin Mutzenberger and Rev. Allen Wagner officiating. Visitation will be held from 12 Noon until 8:00 pm Tuesday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. There will be a prayer service held at 1:00 pm Thursday at Springan Funeral Home in Stanley, ND. Burial will be held Thursday at Lunds Valley Cemetery, near Stanley. Barbara was born October 8, 1948, in Powers Lake, ND, the daughter of Hardus and Evelyn Paulson. She was raised and educated in Lunds Valley, ND, and Stanley, ND, graduating from Stanley High School in 1966. Barbara went on to graduate from North Dakota State University in 1970 with a degree in Home Economics. From 1970 until 1982, Barbara worked as a Home Economist for the South Dakota Extension Service in several cities, except for a year which she spent in Fairbanks, Alaska, as a secretary for the Alaska pipeline. From 1982 until 1989, she worked in Wishek, ND, as an Extension Home Economist, 1989 – 1991 as a hospital aide in Crosby, ND, 1991-1992 as assistant manager for So Fro Fabrics in Bismarck, ND, 1992-1993 at True Value in Bismarck, ND, and 1993-1995 at Cory's Interiors as an interior decorator. Barbara most recently worked at St. Alexius Medical Center as a dietary supervisor from April 1995 until October 2009 when she

retired. Barbara was married to Joseph Misterek from 1974 to 1994. Barbara enjoyed gardening, sewing, crafting, traveling, and cooking for her family and friends. Since recently retiring, Barbara had the opportunity to enjoy a trip with her children to Arizona. Additionally, she was looking forward to a trip to Norway. She will be deeply missed by her loving children, Travis Misty Misterek, Minneapolis, MN, and Sara Shannon Holbrook, Fargo, ND; her father, Hardus Paulson, Carpio, ND, her sister, LaDonna Paulson, Moorhead, MN; and her two pet cats, Nutmeg and Tiramisu. Barbara was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Paulson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Barb, What a lovely lady. Always had a smile on her face. She would brighten your day just by being around her at break time or in the hallways at St A's. Barb I am going to miss you very much! your friend, sandy*

sandra friesz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Barb's family. Barb has a special place in my heart - I enjoyed her wonderful spirit. She was very talent in so many different ways. She love her family very much and may God provide you with peace that he will now care for her as her family and friends cared for her on earth.*

Lorrie & Tom Reisenauer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *It is mete and right to grieve her loss from our presence. But recall, it just OUR loss that we are grieving. Each of our lives have been filled with many thresholds: We learn to walk; ride a bike; go to school; graduations; then to college, military, and to build a family: next -- children which does irreparable damage to our self-image as a child; divorces; our parents pass-on, leaving us orphaned; just as our own children bring us grand-children. Then as I understand Barbara's philosophy, we go home. Just another threshold. As I understand, she believed she was going home, this stage of her journey -- completed. Job well done, girl!*

Dennis Sutton - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Family Im sorry for your loss but there were times that I did not get along well with Barb but I will miss her she intviwed me and let me do the starter job. Thanks for that.

Julie Poffenberger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Barbara's faithful service at St. Alexius was deeply appreciated. She is among the faithful servants God welcomes with compassionate and loving care. May she know God's presence and peace forever. May you who love her be supported in the love of family and friends.

Sister Susan Lardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Sara ~I am so deeply sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She truly was a great woman. I have been thinking about you, and am wondering how you and Shannon are doing. If you need anything, even just to talk please don't hesitate to call. 307-399-5277 My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. Courtney

Courtney Kolberg-Engelhart - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dear family of Barb, I only recently learned of Barb's passing away but send my sympathy even at this late date. Barb and I were both in the Extension Service at the same time and did many fun things together. Several times, when I was in Bismarck in recent years, we met for breakfast or lunch. My heart goes out to you all for your loss as Barb was a fun, caring, creative, ambitious and spiritual person. I am sad to have lost a friend. Mary Ann Kretschmar

Mary Ann Myhra Kretschmar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Travis, Sarah, Hardus and LaDonna: So surprised to learn of Barb's passing. Didn't even have a clue she was battling cancer. We will miss her dearly. We always looked forward to her Christmas card each year. Wish we would have made the time to visit her in recent years. Carm and Barb were good SD Extension friends. Janet Olson Greik and Yvonne Walsh Huber completed the "fantastic four". Then when we moved from Chamberlain to Aberdeen, we were good freinds with Barb and Joe. Jerry worked with Barb for a time at the Brown County Extension office when it was housed in the Super City Mall. Our son, Nathan, used to play with Travis when we would visit each other. Can't remember if we got to see or know Sarah..don't think so..only through pictures and cards from Barb. We really wanted to make the trip to honor Barb at the funeral and to meet you "kids" again. Harold Wood, another of Barb's co-workers at the Brown County Extension office was coming with us. We were all ready to head north at 11:00 am today but had to change our minds when the freezing rain caused icy spots and snow added to the risk on Highway 281 and I-94 according to the SD and ND DOT travel maps. Please know that we REALLY did want to pay our last respects to your mom, daughter and sister, but the weather and road conditions just did not allow us to do so. Please know that we are with you in thought and prayer. God be with you and strngthen you during your time of loss. Be sure to treasure your memories of Barb. We will do the same. Love, Jerry and Carmela Mills

Jerry and Carmela Mills - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My sincere sympathy to LaDonna and all of Barb's family. May God be with you all during your time of sadness and yet may He bring you to the joy of knowing she is with God forever in the blessed company of her mother and others who were there to greet her. May she dwell in the House of the Lord forever and intercede on behalf of her loved ones. You have your very own angel and prayer warrior in heaven! During this week I will keep you in my prayers, LaDonna. You have a full week ahead of you; I am glad your son and daughters can be with you. Take care, Joan

Joan Smithwick - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I just heard of Barbara's death. I am so sorry for your loss. I have only the fondest and funniest memories of Barb. I lived right in Stanley and of course Barb "got to ride the bus" home. When I would go out to stay with her, I was always so excited to ride the bus and stay on the farm with her. My memories of her mom and dad are of the nicest kind. Her mom always called their old car "the puddlejumper" She really was a fun and funny lady. I remember her dad as quiet and very nice. When Hardus still lived in Stanley, I stopped to see him a couple of times. He lived not too far from where my parents still live. Barb and I lost touch over the years, life, careers, kids and the like. I'm so sorry about that now. I'm so glad to see she had two children was still blessed with her Dad and LaDonna. She will be missed.

Peggy Lystad Lautenschlager - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ I was saddened to read this about Barbara. She was a good friend, when we were in High school. Had not seen her for many years, but thought of her often. My heart goes out to her family. God Bless you all

Phyllis Lund Iverson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Barbara Misterek*

Leonard frieze - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Barb was my supervisor at St. Alexius when I worked in food and nutrition. She was a wonderful woman always walking around with a smile on her face. Just before her retirement I ran into her at the hospital and enjoyed getting to catch up! My heart goes out to all of her family and friends. I remember her talking a lot about you all! Rest in peace Barb*

Jenna L - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Travis, Sara, and Families, We enjoyed getting to know your mom when you lived across the street from us in Wishek. I remember her as always smiling and ready to help. Our thoughts are with you in this sad time. May God comfort you and sweet memories sustain you.*

Sandy & Ron Hoffman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *I worked with Barb the last weekend before she retired and she was having such fun taking pictures of all us co-workers. I enjoyed hearing her stories of the fun she had in her trips with her children....Mauritius, her little house on the prairie trip and upcoming Arizona trip. She wasn't afraid to try new things and was always sharing her knowledge. It was a privilege to work with her.*

Shelley Porter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ our sympathy in the loss of Barbara, we would visit with her when she was visiting Hardis. Eldons mother Marion & Evelyn were cousins. Gods strength be with you all.

Eldon& Kathy Albertson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Barb and I were very good friends when she worked for the Extension Service in South Dakota. We shared many good memories working together and as friends out of work. She was part of my wedding and we kept in touch over the years. I will miss her.
Jan Olson

Jan Olson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ Dear Travis and Sara, Our sincere sympathy goes out to you all. We have some very special memories that we carry with us. Know that we're thinking of you and that your in our hearts and prayers. Please send us your address's or e-mails. They would be greatly appreciated. Were so sorry you lost someone so special and dear to you. It was nice she could go on a little vacation with you. Love and Hugs, Herman and Cletis Kauk -Wishek, ND

Herman and Cletis Kauk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM