



## Barbara Ann Griggs

December 24, 1943 - December 21, 2017

Barbara Ann Griggs, 73, returned to her Heavenly Father on December 21, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. Her devotion to her family, friends and a firm belief in God, supported her in her struggle, and ultimately gave her peace.

Barbara was born to Clivy W. and Theora Griggs, in Salt Lake City, Utah on December 24, 1943. She grew up in Kearns, Utah and went to Granger High school where she met her children's father Jerry W. Catten. She was a homemaker for many years, but eventually fulfilled her dream and love of learning and education by earning her Bachelors degree in Human Services at age 66. She flourished in her journey to help those in need. She worked in a domestic violence shelter in Palmer, Alaska for many years and then, after moving back to her home town, became an advocate for seniors, especially looking out for those special friends at Tuscany View, her residential senior housing complex.

Barbara was blessed with a large, loving family which included friends from as far as Alaska to California. She was a force to be reckoned with for those less fortunate who needed an advocate. She was kind, humble and only asked for help when she really needed it. She is already sorely and dearly missed.

Barbara is survived by her younger brother Gary L. Griggs, daughter Cherie and "Jeff" Tomlinson and their son Blake; son Craig and "Stephanie" Catten; daughter Colette and "Isidro" and their sons Julian "Vicky" Jaramillo and their children Sophia, Avery and their soon-to-be born brother Julian Junior; and Jesse Jaramillo and "Jana" his children Jesse Junior and Forrest; Christine Catten and husband Harjinder and their son Hayden Singh. Barbara is preceded in death by her sister Connie Lee Griggs, and their parents.

Services will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at the LDS church ward at 97 West 7500 So. Viewing from 10:00 to 10:45am, with memorial from 11:00 to 12:30pm. Barbara will be buried thereafter at the Elysian Burial Gardens on 1075 E 4580 S. near her mother. President Drake will officiate the services. The family gratefully declines flowers and donations, but prayers, condolences and memories are gladly accepted at [www.premierfuneral.com](http://www.premierfuneral.com).



# Comments

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“ I have some of your books and greatly enjoyed your writing. May the world remember you to the good for all you shared of your knowledge and wisdom!

**Harold de Mesquita** - June 10, 2021 at 04:09 AM

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“ It was a pleasure for me to get re-acquainted with Barbara after so many years. We went to Jordan High for a year together. Then after many years we got together when she moved back to Midvale. She joined our Bingham Junction Daughters of Utah Pioneers Camp and became an active member and was serving as camp captain at the time of her passing. She was always positive and put her best into everything she did, often going the "extra mile". We will truly miss her.

**Jan Litster** - December 26, 2017 at 11:42 AM

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“ I met Barbara here at Tuscany Villa I was looking for help for a lady in need of help. Barbara stepped right up and made some phone calls and we had the help next day. She was a strong lady that fought a terrible battle. She is with the angels now flying free of pain. My prayers are with the family.

**Janell** - December 24, 2017 at 04:15 PM

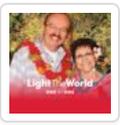
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“ Barbara was a wonderful woman, who only thought of others. She always talked of her Children, and Grand children, and the love she had for every one of them. She cooked meals on a daily basis, and took them to those who needed to be cared for. She visited Butch and myself mostly every day. We will miss her more than you know. Our deepest condolences goes out to her awesome Children, who showed their Mother much Love. May God be with you this day ,and forever. Love Butch , and Rose VanBuskirk

**Butch, and Rose VanBuskirk** - December 24, 2017 at 01:11 PM

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“ Barbara was a amazing person. She was seen walking the halls at Tuscany checking to see if anyone needed help in any way. She cooked meals for anyone that had a slight need. She loved everyone. You never heard her gossip about anyone. She is missed so much already by everyone. We love you Barbara!



**Darlene Elliott** - December 24, 2017 at 12:35 PM