



Barbara A. Reed

January 31, 1948 - April 24, 2022

Barbara Ann Reed was born Jan. 31, 1948 to Ray and Beverly Murphy in Aberdeen, WA. She was the first of three daughters. She graduated in 1966 from Weatherwax High School, in Aberdeen. She went on to attend and graduate from BYU in 1971, majoring in Clothing and Textiles. After a brief career as a purchaser for Broadway Dept. Stores in Los Angeles, she became a stay at home mother for her two sons, David (1974) and Shawn (1975). After moving back to Aberdeen to live with her parents, she took a job with the Washington State Employment Security Dept. She transferred to Yakima, WA, in 1978, where she met her future husband, Bill. After marriage on June 28, 1980, the family moved to Vancouver, WA.

Barbara continued her career with the State, while Bill started classes at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, OR. In 1985, Barbara and Bill welcomed their third son, Aaron, into the world. Barbara continued her work for Employment Security, working her way to the position of Operations Manager. After more than 30 years of service, Barbara retired in 2008. She loved to travel, visiting National Parks and the beach. She especially enjoyed the two trips she and Bill made to Boston. Barbara and her sisters enjoyed their annual 'Sister Trip', where they visited various destinations in the Western United States. She loved to read, go for walks, and be with family, especially her granddaughter, Bianca.

Barbara was a lifetime member of the LDS Church, where she made many good friends. Her faith was central to her life. She had an enormous heart for

the poor, the homeless and the dispossessed, supporting various charities and causes.

Barbara is survived by her husband of almost 42 years, Bill; three sons, David, Shawn (Carmen) and Aaron (Avegail); her sisters, Sharon (Dave) and Colleen (Bill); her granddaughter, Bianca; and numerous cousins, relatives and friends, including her lifelong friend, Chrissy Alzola. Barbara is loved by everyone who knew her; the world was better for her being here. She had a kind and generous heart, and she will be greatly missed by many.

There will be a funeral service celebrating Barbara's life at the LDS Church at 10509 SE 5th Street, Vancouver, WA 98664 on Thursday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m., with interment to follow at Park Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to a charity of your choice in memory of Barbara.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." St. John 14:27.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ I worked with Barbara Reed at Employment Security for many years. After Barbara retired I used to run into her and her husband at our local Papa Murphy's or at our local Dairy Queen. I will miss seeing her smiling face....
Yvette Hoyt



Yve Hoyt - May 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sad to hear of Barbara's passing. I am glad I had a chance to work with her - she always looked for ways to help me grow my career such as putting my name forward for statewide conferences and approving any and all training we agreed would advance my position's skills. I still appreciate that to this day.

Linda Hansen - May 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart and prayers are with you today. I wish I could be there in person. This is the hardest goodbye.



Ed Shirley - May 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Barbara A. Reed*

Funeral Home Owner - May 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Barbara was the reason I applied for the job that kicked off my career. I had the opportunity to do an informational interview with her, and asked why she like her job so much and she shared that it was "never boring" and there was "something new every day". She was right! I still use those lines today when people ask me why I stay here...because it's never boring and something new happens every day. Thank you, Barbara for your mentorship. May you rest in peace.*

Nona H Mallicoat - May 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Barbara was a well needed rock of stability and kindness during our years at ESD. She taught me a lot. She will be missed.*

Holly S. - May 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Barbara A. Reed - April 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM