



Barbara Jean Strong

October 31, 2019

Barbara Jean Strong, age 81 of Fort Collins, CO passed away peacefully on October 31, 2019, surrounded by friends and family.

Originally from Bloomington, Illinois, Barbara graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder, where she met her husband, Dick. She and Dick later moved to Scottsbluff, Nebraska where they raised their family and built a successful business, Strong's Pharmacy and County Store.

A very creative person, Barbara loved gardening, crafts, decorating and music. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. She was active in the Scottsbluff community as a business leader and a volunteer. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Some of her friends called her "Barbara Jean the Queen of Everything".

She was preceded in death by her parents, Karl and Jennie Prillaman, her husband Dick, and her brother Ted. She is remembered as a loving mother to Stephanie, Jennie (John), Mike (Kim), and Susan (Andrew) and cherished grandmother to nine grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, c/o Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr. Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524, or to a charity of your choice.

A celebration of Barbara's life is being planned for June of 2020. Please refer back to this website for updates to the exact date/time and location, which will be posted once the service has been finalized.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jean Strong*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *This is to my friend Susie....It's Wendy Palser :) I am so very sorry to hear about your mom. She was so much fun and she made me laugh when she would laugh at all the crazy stuff we did growing up. I loved working for her and your dad at the drug store. She was the one who taught me how to count back change from that old fashioned register in the back by the pharmacy. I loved how she decorated; especially in the big brick house on the corner. She was one of those moms that was so carefree and let us do whatever we wanted in your kitchen on sleepovers. I know what your heart is going through. Please know I am praying for all of your family.*

Wendy Suzanne Marsteller - November 08, 2019 at 02:38 PM



Thanks, Wendy. It's good to hear from you. I hope you and your family are well.

Susan Strong - November 10, 2019 at 10:59 AM



So sorry to hear of Barb's passing. She was a great person to work for and a good friend. We had many good times over the years. Our condolences to all of you.

Bonnie Wickard, Linda Schneider, Sandy Gibson, Nikki Rose

Nikki Rose - November 23, 2019 at 05:39 PM

BH

“ Our condolences and prayers go out to you in your loss. Barb was so special to me. We worked on numerous downtown events together for years, I spent many dollars in her store, and my husband and I did construction projects for her at the store and at their home. May she rest in peace and may her family remember her wonderful smile and spirit.

*Bev (and Tom) Haver
Scottsbluff*

Bev Haver - November 08, 2019 at 02:19 PM

PO

“ Thinking of Barb and remembering the many wonderful chats we had at Strong's Country Store as she sat in the back working at her desk. She always took time to say hi and ask about my family. We shared some very special times over the years. I have missed her in Scottsbluff. My sincere sympathy all of you. How often she spoke of you and with such pride. God Bless you, sweet Barbara. Peggy Olsen

Peggy Olsen - November 07, 2019 at 07:33 PM

MS

“ Barb was a wonderful lady. I have many fond memories of both her and Dick. She left a legacy in downtown Scottsbluff with her vision and her business, Strong's Country Store. Blessings to your family.

Mary Skiles - November 07, 2019 at 09:09 AM

AF

“ Barb was a wonderful woman. It was a pleasure to know her.

Amanda Finch - November 06, 2019 at 12:56 AM

SS

“ Jennie, I am so sorry for your loss. Peace and love to your whole family.

Sue Susskind - November 04, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ Barb Strong was one of my other mothers. She raised great kids, loved her grandkids and always took time for me when she could see I needed it. She has left a great legacy.

Matthew Meister - November 04, 2019 at 03:50 PM

MB

“ I had the privilege of meeting Barb multiple times in the past few years. Though I did not get to know Barb when she was healthy and in her prime, she was always smiling. And I know she was an awesome mother and grandmother as witnessed through Suzie and her son Mike. My heart breaks for the family. My love and condolences to Suz, Andrew, Mike, and the entire family.

Mary Burrell - November 04, 2019 at 01:52 PM