



Barbara Trenholm

February 26, 1944 - April 22, 2012

Barbara Catherine Trenholm (née McMillan), loving mother and wife, died peacefully at home in Fort Collins, Colorado, April 22, 2012, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was 68. Born February 26, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Arthur and Connie McMillan, Barbara attended Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska, and earned a teaching degree. It was there that she met the love of her life, Francis Trenholm. They were married August 10, 1968, and resided in Douglas, Wyoming, and Gillette, Wyoming. She had three children: Jerry, Jim, and Jacque. When not working as a homemaker, she taught school and later sold real estate. Barbara was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Fort Collins, Colorado. She loved to cook and was a skilled interior decorator. Devoted to her husband and children, she took great pride in her home. Barbara was fortunate to have a large set of friends and neighbors whom she loved very much. During her illness, countless people sent gifts and cards, and called to offer support and prayers. The family wishes to thank everyone who gave Barbara support. Barbara is survived by her husband, Francis, and her son Jerry Trenholm of Chicago, Illinois; her son James Trenholm of Denver, Colorado; and her daughter Jacque Poertner and Jacque's husband Mark Poertner of Bozeman/Big Sky, Montana. In addition, she leaves behind her beloved brothers Jim McMillan of Denver, Colorado, and Bob McMillan of Phoenix, Arizona. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother Bill McMillan. A visitation will be held from 6-8pm, Thursday, April 26th at St.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11am, Friday, April 27th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Interment at Grandview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Barbara's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in care of Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., Suite E, Fort Collins, CO, 80524.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Trenholm*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Francis and Family,*

We are so very sorry to hear of Barb's death. She was truly a great wife, mother, and person. I know you have many wonderful memories. You are all in our prayers.

John & Galee Fitch - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barb is such a treasure in our hearts!*

She loved beyond measure...sharing her time, her gifts, her food and love to all. We thank God for allowing Laurie and her children to move next door to Barb and Francis. They are family to all of us along with Jerry, Jim, Jacque and Mark.

Heaven is indeed a better place since Barb arrived...our loss, but thankfully only a brief good-bye.

Red & Jane Crawford - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Just received Chadron State Alumni magazine & noticed Barb's name in obituaries. So sorry to hear about her. We were friends at Chadron and we lived together in Chy with Dottie Fernau and Nancy Friemuth. We laughed & partied like crazy!! She had the best laugh! I saw Barb a few yrs ago at Orthopaedic Center of the Rockies and we had both broken our arm. She gave me her address & we were going to meet for lunch with another friend Elaine Christopulos Jacobs and we never did get together. Elaine died last May of a heart attack.

Marilyn Gorman Kisicki - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To Francis and the rest of your family:
We send our sincerest regrets about your loss. Barb was a sweet and caring person. Please know you are all in our prayers. We, the Carter Mining group, are all so far apart now and can't seem to keep in touch. But we do have many funny, pleasant and some not so pleasant memories of those years. We hope that you and Barb shared those times together also. Francis, may time help ease your loss and know how much all of us share in your sorrow.

April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ With sadness we learn of Barb's passing. As a coworker with Francis, we became acquainted. When we left Gillette, Barb was our realtor. She was very professional. Our condolences to Francis and other family members.

Alan & Pat Justesen - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Francis and Family,
So sorry for your loss. Barb was a wonderful and caring person and will be missed.
Though we are far away, please let us know if there is anything we can do. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Duane and Cindy

Duane & Cindy Myers - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ The 60's were great fun and so many memories with my college friend and roommate, Barb. We took many trips to my ranch in Ft. Laramie WY and partied a few times at the U of Wyo. She fell in love with the ranch life and the open spaces of WY. We were in each others wedding and we both taught school for a few years. Little did I know that her and Francis would retire in Ft. Collins. She loved her children more than life and was always proud of their accomplishments and loved to tell stories of their activities. But always by her side was her "right hand man", Francis, willing to do anything and everything for her. Peace be with you Francis. In quiet, may you find comfort. In memory, may you find healing. In love, may you find peace.

Jan and Larry Schliske - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Jerry I am very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.

Kevin Allison - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Francis, Jerry, Jim, and Jacque, we are sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace and comfort in this difficult time knowing what a beautiful, spiritual journey Barb is now beginning.

Mike and Keri Wood - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Francis, Jerry, Jim and Jacque,
We are so sorry for the loss of our adorable Barb. When we think of Barb, it is with a smile and maybe a giggle. She always had a smile and loved to joke. When Jackie and I were in book club with Barb (who rarely read the book) we had so much fun and we knew the night would be filled with laughter. What a story teller she was. Also, what a caring and loving person and our hearts are breaking. We were so fortunate to move to WY to meet this wonderful family and be included in their family. May God comfort you all and you are in our thoughts and prayers always.

Steve and Terri Riemann - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Francis, David and I wish to extend our condolences on the loss of your lovely wife Barb. You and your family are in our thoughts. Peace be with you in your memories of all you shared.

Mary Ellen Young & David Toney - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I will always remember Barbara with a smile! When we moved to Gillete, Wyoming from so far away, your family's friendship was a blessing. Recently I visited Gillete with my family and showed my children Hilltop Court. The first memory I shared with them was the decorating and furniture moving Barbara and my mom, Carol, were constantly doing. Such terrific and fun memories. You enjoyed the blessings of a wonderful wife and mother. She belonged to God first and now she does again. May your pain be softened by the wonderful memories.

Beth (Kutulis) Friend - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Francis, We are so saddened by Barb's passing. She was a good fiend and will miss her so much. We have so many memories of the time we were your neighbors in Gillette--when she came to PA for Jaynie's wedding--our trip to Ft. Collins. Our prayers are for you and the family-- Barb is no longer in pain--and is at peace.

Carol Kutulis - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Peace be with you.

Tim Stone - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Sending the Trenholms lots of Love. Barbara leaves behind a beautiful family.

Robin & Jenny Bienemann - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Francis, we were so sorry to hear about Barb. She was a wonderful and vibrant woman and we have great memories of her. God bless you and your family.

Bruce and Kristen Brandt - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Francis, I am so sorry to hear this news. Please know you are in my thoughts as you and Barb have been for many years. My prayers go out to you and your family. With sincere sympathy, Jill

Jill Schanzenbach - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Dear Francis, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of Barb. She was an amazing and gregarious woman. I can still hear her laugh. I can remember her coaching us NOT to move to Albert Lea, MN, which was very sage advice.

She had such a talent for interior design and, indeed, put her family first and foremost. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this most difficult journey.

With all our love, Tam, Fritz, Marissa and Chase Bukowski

Fritz and Tam Bukowski - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Francis, Jerry, Jim & Jacqu-
I was so saddened to hear about Barb's passing. She was an amazing woman! I enjoyed her so much at Mom's office. Thoughts and prayers to you all.

Jami McGrath-Howe - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came her date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the DASH between those years.

*Barbara Trenholm
1944-2012*

For that DASH represents all the time that Barb was alive on earth. And only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash, what matters is how we live and love and how we spend our DASH.

Barb's DASH was far too short. She raged a courageous battle against a devastating disease, always maintaining a positive attitude.

She was always on the go and she and Francis raised a wonderful family. She was a friend to many; very caring and thoughtful. Our deepest sympathy for your tragic loss.

Lois & Judy Bollinger - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM