

Barbara June Finlayson

November 3, 1946 ~ December 30, 2021

Barbara June Finlayson of Salt Lake City, Utah, devoted wife, mom (aka Moohen), Gram, sister, aunt, cousin and friend passed away peacefully on December 30, 2021, from complications following a bowel perforation. She was surrounded by her family at the time of her passing. She is survived by her loving husband, Dr. Keith Finlayson; children, Russell Finlayson, Tracey Kimball, Regina Johnson (Mike), Joseph Finlayson (Katie), Troy Finlayson (Mindi) and Jessica Petersen (Luke); nineteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Barbara is also survived by her brother Rick Platts (Mary Ellen), sister Debbie Rea, and brother Jim Platts. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lovell Rollins Platts and Valda Belle Holmes.

Barbara was born on November 3, 1946, in Little Rock, Arkansas and spent most of her childhood in Lancaster, California chasing tumbleweeds, riding horses and finding fun in the desert. Both of Barbara's parents passed away when she was a young adult. She made the best out of a difficult
situation, working extremely hard to create a beautiful life for herself and her family. Barbara was blessed with 4 wonderful children (Russell, Tracey, Regina and Joseph) from her first marriage. In April 1976, she met the true love of her life, Keith Finlayson, and married him in the Salt Lake Temple on February 11, 1977. Together they created a family and home full of love and laughter, adding Troy and Jessica in the next few years.

Barbara had many defining qualities, not the least of which was her warm, giving spirit. She was willing to put herself second to the needs of others. There was never a family member, neighbor or acquaintance in need that Barbara did not drop everything to help. She rose to every occasion,
willing to travel anywhere, to be a help and support to so many people throughout her life.

Barbara was a lifelong, faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. After raising their 6 children, Barbara and Keith served a two-year mission for the Church in Irvine, California from 2016-2018. Barbara was happiest while serving others, and the two years spent in Irvine
were the culmination of a life spent serving the Lord, her fellow man, and always putting others before herself.

Barbara was a famous storyteller, recounting experiences from years past and always incorporating "sayings" that are well known by her loved ones and will forever be attributed to her. These stories were often told with animation and her keen sense of humor. She managed to highlight the pieces of her life that truly mattered and shared in delight with her family and friends. Her stories will continue to be told with love, affection and laughter for years to come.

Barbara was also an incredibly hard worker, oftentimes taking on seemingly impossible challenges without a hint of hesitation. She once led (and employed) an army of neighborhood kids to landscape her large yard in a single summer that included the installation of hundreds of railroad ties.

Barbara was a firm believer that when it was time to get down to work, we should give 110%, have a great attitude,

make friends along the way, and be thoughtful and respectful to everyone.
Her memorial will be held Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 11:00 am with a viewing from 9:30-10:45am beforehand. Both services will be held at the Monument Park Stake Center at 1320 Wasatch Drive in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is requested that those who wish to attend please wear a mask. Those unable to attend in person may watch via Zoom:
https://zoom.us/j/94143800757 - Webinar ID: 941 4380 0757.
In lieu of sending flowers, please consider a donation to the Humanitarian Aid Fund in Barbara’s name:
https://philanthropies.churchofjesuschrist.org/humanitarian-services/funds/humanitarian-general-fund.html -