

Barbara Lou Badger McKeown

January 30, 1947 ~ August 25, 2021

Barbara Lou Badger McKeown, our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away on August 25, 2021. Hers was a life of generosity, compassion, quiet acts of service, family, and optimism. Barb sought light and truth. She loved the Lord and taught her children to walk in the light of His love. As a faithful lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she ministered wherever she was called to serve, including leadership and teaching positions in Relief Society, Young Women, and Primary. She loved serving alongside her husband in a student ward at the U of U, in inner-city Washington, D.C., and in the Salt Lake Central Stake; and she always went above and beyond to fulfill every calling. She recognized God's hand in her own life and bore this testimony through her beautiful artwork, her kindness, and her original music. Over her lifetime she composed dozens of songs—full musicals about Shakespeare and the Olympics, songs celebrating family milestones such as missions and weddings, and inspired hymns of faith and devotion. She touched countless lives through her thoughtful words, her homemade treats, and her beautiful smile. She brought joy to others.

Barb was born to loving parents, Briant G. and Wanda W. Badger, on January 30, 1947, the second child in a family of nine dear siblings, and she frequently spoke of the wonderful childhood she enjoyed. She dreamed of teaching and spent years practicing on her younger brothers and sisters. A bona fide teaching job in Washington, D.C., led her to her devoted husband, Rich McKeown. They were married August 5, 1971, and sealed for time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. She was so grateful for, and proud of, her children, Morgan, Sean, Brock, Erin, and Connor, with whom they've shared their life's adventures over the last 50 years. She absolutely adored her grandchildren, upon whom she showered her affection. She loved life and observed every occasion with her family through memorable celebrations, fun trips, special gifts, and heartfelt notes.

She passed away surrounded by her loved ones on August 25, 2021, the result of a debilitating stroke she suffered on August 17. At her passing, she was reunited with her dear parents, and brothers, Stephen and David, along with countless friends and family. She leaves behind her most valued treasures: her husband Rich; beloved children and precious grandchildren—Morgan and Sarah (Coby, Charlotte, James, Peter); Sean and Amanda (Henry, Teddy); Brock and Lisa (Blake, Macey, Dylan); Erin (Ginger, Corban, Simon, Daisy); and Connor and Katie (Emmeline, Oliver). Also survived by loving siblings Becky Harding, Bri and Cindy Badger, Bill and Cindy Badger, Mary Jane Badger, Rob and Annette Badger, John and Chaconne Badger, Sandra (Stephen) Badger, and Eva (David Badger) Doolin, and dozens of adoring nieces and nephews.

We love you, dear wife, dear mother and grandmother, and dear sister! You have left us a legacy of faith, love, and dedication that will carry on through your posterity.

Because construction around the Salt Lake Central Stake Center limits parking, all services will be held at the Bonneville Stake Center, 1535 Bonneview Dr., Salt Lake City, Utah. To comply with Church and City guidelines and to invite an environment of safety for all who choose to attend, we encourage vaccination, the wearing of masks and appropriate social distancing.

A viewing will be held in the Bonneville Stake Center Cultural Hall Friday evening, September 3, from 6 – 8 p.m.

Funeral services will begin at 12 noon at the Bonneville Stake Center on Saturday, September 4.

Services were previously recorded and can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/sOybYMrTZG0

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Utah Refugee Justice League in Barb's name: contact@refugeejustice.org