



Barbara Simmonds

November 2, 1951 - September 30, 2014

Barbara Jayne (Dodendorf) Simmonds was born on November 2, 1951 in Fremont, Nebraska to Jack and Lois (Preister) Dodendorf. She grew up in Columbus and Omaha, attending St. Bonaventure and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic, then graduated from Mercy High School in 1969. Barb went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. As a young girl, she enjoyed all sports, but excelled at softball. While in college, she played softball as a 2nd and 3rd baseman and was a player on the 1975 Collegiate National Champion Softball team. Barb enjoyed music, especially playing the piano and was a very talented artist.

Barb married Bud (Frank) Simmonds on September 2, 1977; had their marriage blessed at St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Ames, IA. Barb and Bud were blessed with four daughters and cared for more than seventy foster children throughout their marriage. They raised their family in Ames, IA and Omaha, NE before settling in Elkhorn, NE in 1986.

Early in her career, Barb was a Physical Education teacher at Mary Our Queen Catholic School. Later, she and her sister Jean Doyle ran their own nail salon for several years while Barb co-owned West Lanes Bowling Alley for over 31 years. She enjoyed shopping and many forms of arts and crafts: crocheting, needlepoint, calligraphy and sewing. Barb loved going to the movies and hosted her annual Oscar Party. She was an avid husker fan, enjoyed filet mignon, a glass of red wine, and dinner out at Farmer Brown's. Barb was active in her Catholic faith and served as an EME as well as a master catechist. She and her husband taught religious formation and marriage prep classes. Barb was proud of her foster family; she and Bud served as president of the Foster/Adoptive Parents Association for the Omaha Chapter. Barb was incredibly loving, giving, and selfless. Her favorite reply was "love you more" and will be remembered by many.

Barb passed away at the age of 62, on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE with her family at her side. She was preceded in death by her father Jack, sister Jeri Ostronic, and brother-in-law John Doyle, Sr. Barb is survived by her husband Deacon Bud; children Nicole (Nikki) and Shane McDonald (CO), Elizabeth Simmonds (OR), Julie and James Hoff, Margaret (Maggie) Simmonds, Tyler J. Simmonds, Dillon J. Simmonds, Daniel (Danny) A. Sird, and Matthew S. Sird; seven grandchildren; mother Lois Koelzer; siblings Larry and Mary Phillips, Diane Dodendorf (NM), Jean K. Doyle, Laurie and Paul Simon, Jack and Nancy Dodendorf, Jr. and James and Andrea Maverick (FL); numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and family friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Simmonds*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear the news of the passing of Barb. God bless you all.*

*You all are in our thoughts and prayers.
Peace and comfort in this time of grief.*

The Roaches

Tom, Teri, Tyler, Tara and Trevor Roach - October 06, 2014 at 08:14 PM



“ *Dear Bud:
So sorry to hear of your loss. Our best wishes to you and your family. Our prayers are with you as well. Roland Treu & True Travel*

Roland Treu - October 03, 2014 at 11:01 AM



“ *Laurie & family,
So sorry for your loss.
My deepest sympathy.
Joy Kuhlman*

Joy Kuhlman - October 03, 2014 at 10:03 AM

GF

“ Bud, Tyler and family,
We are praying for your strength and healing.

Godfrey, Cathy, Mary, Andrew, Hannah, and Mathew Friedt - October 02, 2014 at 04:14 PM

KS

“ Bud,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife.
May God be with you at this difficult time.
Karen Suchy
Catholic Voice

Karen Suchy - October 02, 2014 at 01:11 PM

ML

“ Dear Deacon Bud and family,
Our hearts our sad for you and we pray that Our Lord will give you
peace and strength at this difficult time. We pray that Barb is in the
Lord's loving arms. So sorry we cannot be there for Barb's funeral.
She was a kind and faith - filled woman. Be assured that you are in
our prayers daily.

Mike and Mickey Ludden - October 01, 2014 at 09:23 PM

CM

“ Barb will be remembered in our hearts as the kind soul she was. We
thought of her as family, and she was kind and thoughtful to my
children and grandchildren, as well. We are saddened at the
thought of what you are each going through in your loss. We pray
that, in time, this pain can be softened and all your happy memories
of her carry you through. She is at peace now.

Cindy Menard - October 01, 2014 at 01:15 PM

DK

“ Bud,

May God cradle you in this difficult time. Please accept my deepest condolence for the loss you have undergone. I pray for your wife's soul that it may make a speedy journey to Heaven, and I pray for you too, that you may find some measure of solace and comfort knowing that we are sharing in your grief and praying for your well being. Please let us know if there is anything you need at this moment. We are here for you.

With love, Doug and Suzanne Kibbe

Doug Kibbe - October 01, 2014 at 12:14 PM