



## Barbara Holdrege Watson

May 18, 1937 - August 2, 2014

Barbara Holdrege Watson passed away in her hometown of Omaha on August 2, 2014. She was born on May 18, 1937 to George and Irene (Bunny) Holdrege. Barb was proud of her family's role in the early settlement of Nebraska. The town of Holdrege was named after her great-grandfather George Ward Holdrege.

Barb attended the University of Nebraska before leaving to start her family. She was the director of Dundee Presbyterian preschool for many years and later a member of Countryside Community Church. She and her husband Jim also spent many retirement winters in Destin, FL.

Barb was a three-time cancer survivor who lived decades past her original prognosis date.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jim Watson; daughters Cyndi Hofstetter of Marion, IA and Leigh Wengert of Omaha; sons-in-law Scott Hofstetter and Dan Wengert; brother Jim Holdrege and his wife Mary Ann of Oklahoma City; and close family Ward and Barb Holdrege of Los Angeles and Annie Moore of Kansas City.

Barb loved entertaining her five beloved grandchildren – James, Julie, Chris, Matt and Lauryn – at their lake home outside Omaha. She was especially proud to participate in the weddings of James to Ivy Ulmer, Julie to Sam Strickler and Chris to Katie Cunningham.

The family plans a celebration of her life over Labor Day with her many good friends and close family. There will be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers or

memorials, the family suggests donations to: Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center, 8303 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68114.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Holdrege Watson*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Dear Leigh, Dan and family,  
We are so sorry about your mom.  
Please know that we are thinking of all of you at this time and know  
that it is a tough thing to lose a parent. Thank goodness for  
memories!  
Love to you all,  
Stacy and Andy Wilson*

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**Stacy Wilson** - August 07, 2014 at 06:05 PM