



Barbara Draper

September 25, 1953 - February 15, 2017

Funeral Services for Barbara Draper, 63, of Alto, will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the Rusk First Baptist Church, under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home, Rusk, Texas with Bro. Jacob Fitzgerald officiating. Burial will follow at Old Palestine Cemetery, Alto, Texas.

Ms. Draper passed away February 15, 2017. She was born September 25, 1953 to William Draper and the late Kathryn Draper in Rusk, Texas. She graduated from Rusk High School Class of 1972 and went on to Howard Payne University where she studied to be a Recreational Therapist. She went on to get her Master's Degree. She devoted her career to making life better for mentally challenged individuals, and was a strong advocate and supporter of Special Olympics in Texas. She retired from Lufkin State School in 2012.

Barbara was the quintessential strong Texas woman who lived with courage and compassion. She lived out her faith in Christ, devoted to caring for others. She survived a devastating disease in her early 30s that ravaged her health, but her fighting spirit kept her going.

She loved to travel, do woodworking, and give special gifts to her 8 nieces and nephews, and 13 great nieces, nephews and extended family members. She was that "favorite Aunt" who everyone adored.

She is predeceased by her mother, brother, David Draper, and nephew, Brian Suttles. She is survived by her father, sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia and Tommy Harrison, Bedford TX, Debra and Kerry Suttles, Jacksonville, TX, sister-in-law, Meredith Draper and her husband Jim Tarrant, Bullard, TX, nephews, Collin and Sabrina Harrison, Highland Village, TX, Luke and Angie Harrison, Hurst, TX, Shaun and Ashley Suttles, Central Heights, TX, nieces, Leslie Harrison and Justin Pollard, Lewisville, TX, Meagan Suttles and Chris Cummings, Henderson, TX, Kathryn (Katy) Draper and Michael Burbank, San Antonio, TX, Amy Draper and Zach Olsen, Israel, lifelong friend, Phyllis England and special friends Connie and Tiffany Horton and Tiffany's daughter Ashton

Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the funeral home. Pallbearers are Collin Harrison, Luke Harrison, Shaun Suttles, Michael Burbank, Chris Cummings and Zach Olsen. Honorary Pallbearers are Tom Harrison and Kerry Suttles.

Tribute Wall



“ *think of barbara often. she was a good friend and i miss her.* ”

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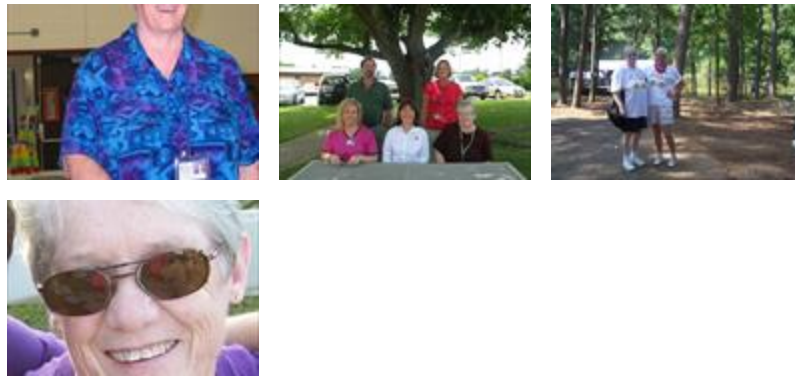
“ *Barbara Draper* ”

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Dan Maxwell

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Dan Maxwell - February 26, 2017 at 05:49 PM



“ *Rhonda Morrow lit a candle in memory of Barbara Draper* ”



Rhonda Morrow - February 18, 2017 at 12:45 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Dickerson Chandler lit a candle in memory of Barbara Draper*



Brenda Dickerson Chandler - February 18, 2017 at 01:41 AM

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Brenda (Dickerson) Chandler

Brenda Dickerson - February 18, 2017 at 01:42 AM

MP

“ *Martha Prater lit a candle in memory of Barbara Draper*



Martha Prater - February 17, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Draper.*



February 17, 2017 at 10:24 AM

ME

“ *i am so sorry to hear about barbara. i loved her very much.
y'all are in my prayers.
love and hugs, merry*

merry - February 17, 2017 at 09:29 AM

 Genia
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“ *Genia Kelley Kelley lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Draper*



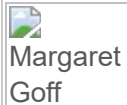
Genia Kelley Kelley - February 17, 2017 at 09:09 AM

NC

“ *Neweta Quinn Carroll lit a candle in memory
of Barbara Draper*



Neweta Quinn Carroll - February 17, 2017 at 06:20 AM

 Margaret
Goff

“ *Margaret Goff lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Draper*



Margaret Goff - February 17, 2017 at 05:50 AM



“ *Terry Tosh lit a candle in memory of Barbara
Draper*



Terry Tosh - February 16, 2017 at 09:35 PM

EF

“ Dear Draper family, our hearts are so sadden for your lost of sweet Barbara. To lose your daughter & sister so close to the loss of you loving wife & mother must be devastating, but I know our Father in Heaven will comfort and sustain you. We love your family so much and will help in any way we can. We will be praying for you. Love & sympathy, Nancy & Earl

Earl Finley - February 16, 2017 at 07:40 PM