



## Barbara E. Cherry

January 2, 1934 - August 12, 2024

Barbara Cherry, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend graduated to her heavenly home on August 12, 2024 at the age of 90. Barbara was born on January 2, 1934 in Danville, Illinois. When asked for her date of birth, she enjoyed saying "one, two, three, four" and she also would add "My mom did good." The start of her childhood was on the family farm in Illinois until the family relocated to Southern California in 1946. She took secretarial courses in high school and worked in that field for many decades. When she and her family moved to Yreka in 1973, she did secretarial work for Ohlund's Office Supply and the Elks Lodge. She retired from her job as a personnel clerk at the Klamath National Forest Service after 15 years. Her gifts of meticulous attention to detail and extreme typing speed were valuable assets in her career.

Barbara was active in church since her high school days. She taught Sunday School when her girls were young and continued at the Yreka Berean Church for many years, as well as singing in the choir for decades. Most recently, she enjoyed fellowshiping at Gazelle Community Church, attending even when, in her later days, the physical challenges required great effort to get her there on her part and that of her family.

Their love for the Lord and desire to serve others inspired Paul and Barbara to volunteer with the SOWERS organization, a Christian couples RV work ministry providing volunteer help to Christian ministries across the US.

Barbara's vivacious personality and kind spirit were special assets as she and

Paul used their personal skills to support Christian ministries in multiple states. A SOWERS project led them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, Nevada, where they served every winter for 18 years. These years of volunteer work helped build precious lifelong friendships.

Barbara was an active member of the TOPS club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for many years and ultimately reached her weight loss goal of losing 40 pounds. She made many close friends with other women who were working to achieve good health. She was an avid crafter, including crocheting and card-making, and was involved in a local card-making group for many years. Her handmade creations were very popular gifts among her family and friends. She took great delight in gathering with family and friends to celebrate every holiday and any occasion which became special because we were all together. Food was always an important element in these gatherings which usually included some type of homemade goodies from Barbara. She was always at home at these gatherings where laughter and storytelling filled the air.

Everyone who knew Barbara describes her high-energy style, warm heart, and genuine concern for people. Her love for others was always evident and she was a diligent "prayer warrior."

Barbara is survived by her husband of 62 years, Paul; her daughters, Ruth (husband Bruce), Diana (husband Jim) and Paula (husband Eric); three grandsons, Jeremy (wife Heather), Joshua and Alex; sister-in-law Joyce, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Pauline, as well as siblings Paul, Delores and Don. Although our hearts are grieving her absence, we don't grieve as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13). She is no longer suffering but is in the arms of her Savior, where she is experiencing perfect peace and fullness of joy.

Psalm 16:11 "You will show me the path of Life. In Your presence is fullness of joy. At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Our family would like to express their gratitude to Madrone Hospice and the

compassionate care that they gave Mom during the last few months of her life.  
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Barbara's name to  
MadroneHospice.org.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



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**Girdner Funeral Chapel** - April 27 at 03:39 PM

JP

“ *Such a sweet lady. She was my friend*

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**Julie Purcell** - September 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Praying that God will grant you all Peace and Comfort*

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**Lena Templeton** - August 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss.*

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**June Heitzman** - August 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Barbara was my inspiration in every sense of the word. She was a raye of sunshine & always lit up the room with her presence & welcoming smile. She loved helping others in any way she could, no matter the subject or job, both Spiritual & otherwise. She was a faithful Christian role model to her family & friends, always ready to quote Bible Scripture when asked, & sometimes would slip a verse or two into the conversation. I cherish the many great times we have spent with each other exchanging in both conversation & craft ideas. Yes she was a crafty lady full of ideas, but yet always ready to learn from others as well. Recalling her & husband Paul's visit with her brother & I at our home in Hemet, our dog immediately grabbed her attention toward a little ball playing and before long they were engaged in close communications. It didn't take long for our dog to teach Barbara a few tricks. It was a joy watching them both. I could go on & on with stories & pictures, but to save space for others to share as well, I will stop here.

*Missing Barbara is an understatement, I will always remember our times together and know that she is now comfortably resting in God's Kingdom 🙏❤️🙏*

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**Joyce Brewer** - August 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Thank you for being such a special person in our lives Mrs Cherry. We love you and your family. Well see you soon in Heaven!!Tim, Brian, and Susan

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**Anonymous** - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Barbara's love for the Lord even in her final months was a testimony of perfect peace. I loved sharing with her at Gazelle Church when I came from Medford. What a blessing her family was to each who saw the loving care they gave her. She ran the race and finished it well. God was glorified. Praying for all the family. Thanks for sharing your wife, mom and grandma.

Kathy Preszler - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Oh I loved this lady so much. So very sorry to hear this sad news

Marsha Farley - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Barbara E. Cherry - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Your mom was a wonderful lady that I always enjoyed. My thoughts are with you all.

Kathy Hagedorn - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ So very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ To the entire family I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a wonderful person.

Ellen Lowell Janson - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Wonderful sweet lady. She will be missed.*

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**Linda Keno** - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *May the Lord Jesus comfort your family during you're time of loss she will be deeply missed by all, she was a example to all she was around.*

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**Deborah Tanner** - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM