



Barbara Vio Cowley

March 31, 1931 - July 31, 2019

Barbara Cowley, 88 years of age, passed away on July 31, 2019 at her home in Montague. Barbara was born on March 31, 1931 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was married to Irvin Jack Cowley, M.D. She is survived by her husband and seven children and their spouses (Kathryn, Cindy, Dave & Colleen, Steve & Val, Brian & Diane, Gordon, Brent & Debbie.) She has 24 grandchildren including their spouses and seven great grandchildren. There are 43 surviving descendants.

As a young adult, Barbara went to the University of Utah, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Education. While a student at the University of Utah, she was yearbook editor, on the debate team and President of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She married Jack Cowley and they moved to Washington D.C. while he attended George Washington University Medical School. After his graduation, they moved to Los Angeles where he completed his residency and specialization in Ophthalmology. Barbara taught night school and raised her children during this time. After the completion of Jack's residency, they moved to Sacramento.

During their time in Sacramento, both Jack and Barbara developed a passion for ranching. Barbara and Jack moved to Siskiyou County in 1988 where Barbara immediately immersed herself in a variety of community services, including the 4H organization, the Cattle Women's organization and Beef

Ambassadors where she served in a variety of leadership roles locally, regionally and nationally. She was also involved teaching thousands of hours of “Ag in the Classroom” throughout California. She was instrumental in the educational program of “Create-a-Cow” for the Siskiyou County Fair for several years. She also volunteered at Fairchild Medical Center in Yreka. In addition, she served in a variety of volunteer roles for many non-profit organizations.

Barbara professed her love for her Savior Jesus Christ and valued her family above all else. Barbara loved working and serving in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She served in several callings including the Primary, Young Women’s Organization and the Relief Society.

Barbara loved spending time with family, riding horses, serving and encouraging others and promoting agricultural education. She was an optimist, enthusiast and an inspiration to many. She was a loving and caring person, devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend; always thinking of others first. “To know her was to love her.”

Friends and members of the community are welcome to attend a Celebration of Life service on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1001 W. Miner Street in Yreka. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the church Cultural Hall. A private family graveside service will be held at the Little Shasta Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Little Shasta Cemetery

Montague, CA 96064

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
1001 W. Miner Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

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“ *My most sincere condolences to the Cowley family.
Bob Young's Telephone Equipment and Service*

Robert Young - August 09, 2019 at 08:34 PM

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“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



Alison Van Eenennaam - August 02, 2019 at 09:08 PM

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“ *I am very sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. I came to know her and Jack through my work with UC Cooperative Extension. I enjoyed Barbara's wonderful hospitality on many occasions and fondly remember my stays up in Siskiyou county. We had a wonderful trip to Australia together with Jack and Barbara, and Dan and Judy Drake. We had some fun adventures and got to see some wonderful country and cattle there. I will miss Barbara's smiling face at California Cattlemens' Meetings, and her wonderful sense of humor.*

My condolences to Jack and the whole family. My thoughts are with you.

Alison and Joel Van Eenennaam, University of California, Davis

Alison Van Eenennaam - August 02, 2019 at 08:50 PM

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“ Oh my gosh so sorry to hear of Barbara’s passing. I had the pleasure of getting to know Barbara through Fairchild Auxillary. You are absolutely right “to know her was to love her”. I fell in love with her the moment I met her and I will miss having our Thursday lunches together. She was such a sweetheart. My condolences to the family. I will miss her!!!! ❤️

gail colt - August 02, 2019 at 12:16 AM

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“ Barbara was a true lady. She was always so gracious and genuine. She was the special matriarch of a wonderful family. She will be missed. Rest In Peace sweet lady

Tracy Louie - August 01, 2019 at 09:09 PM