



Barbara Ellen Hefner

February 5, 1946 - April 9, 2024

Barbara Ellen Hefner passed away peacefully at Morningstar Care Facility in Neodesha, Kansas, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

Barbara was born February 5, 1946, in Wichita, Kansas, to Harry and Leah (Bohling) Hefner. The family moved to Fredonia, Kansas, in 1949. Barbara attended Fredonia schools graduating from Fredonia High School in 1964. During her high school years she was active in music, drama, debate, and student government. She graduated from College of Emporia in 1968 with a degree in music. Her primary career after graduation was in the moving industry which took her from Wichita to Houston. One of her proudest moments was contracting the overseas account of Aramco in Saudi Arabia. Barbara eventually moved back to Fredonia to care for her parents during which time she operated a clothing store called Glad Rags for ten years. Barbara also did some substitute teaching in the Fredonia school system.

Barbara's love for music was shown by her playing in the orchestra for numerous Neewollah productions as well as singing with local music groups during the years. Trivia Pursuit was a favorite pastime that she greatly enjoyed with her friends. Holiday meals with cousin John Deardorff in Augusta was very special with foreign Wichita State students in attendance.

Survivors are her companion Aaron Russell of 16 years, brother Wayne

Hefner of Round Rock, Texas, several nieces and a nephew, and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Janet.

Cremation has been requested with a private burial for a later date.

Memorials in Barbara's name may be made to the Fredonia Arts Council or Fredonia Pound Pals.

Contributions may be sent to Countryside Funeral Home, 420 South 20th, PO Box 247, Fredonia, Kansas, 66736.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I am saddened to hear of Barbara's passing. We were Fredonia classmates from Mound School to FHS Class of 1964. The last time I saw Barbara was 2004 at our 40th Class Reunion. Barbara was a beautiful person, multi-talented, had a wonderful sense of humor and was a friend to many. Wishing Wayne, other family members, companion and friends comfort and peace during this time. M Kay Clanton



M Kay Clanton - April 15, 2024 at 09:10 PM

JT

I moved to Fredonia, when I was 13. Barbara and I became very good friends. We had many good times together. We enjoyed singing in various music groups through our high school years. We spent a lot of time together, and we enjoyed having fun together. She was a delightful, very humorous person and a truly good friend. Unfortunately, after we graduated from high school, we both moved on in our lives, and kind of lost touch with each other. However, from time to time she and I would talk long distance, and she always had me laughing. She was one of the most humorous people I've ever known. It was always such a delight to chat with her. My heart is very saddened to learn of her passing. My sympathy and condolences go out to Wayne her brother, as well as her partner, and other friends and relatives. She will be sorely missed I am sure. I will always think of her very fondly and the funny and fun times that she and I shared. Jana Thompson.

Jana Thompson - April 28, 2024 at 07:10 PM

JH

“ I was a student at Kansas State in Emporia in 1966. Barbara occasionally rode with me from Fredonia to Emporia. On one occasion a hawk dive bombed us and dropped a mouse on the windshield of my 54 ford. What a mess! Our instinctive reaction was to duck. However, the bigger problem was vision. I unfortunately turned on the windshield wipers and I can tell you that in those days no amount of windshield wiper effort would wipe the remnants of a dead mouse off of the windshield. Barbara was always a good conversationalist and I enjoyed her company greatly.

Jan Hamilton - April 12, 2024 at 09:25 AM