



Barbara Ruth McGinty

January 13, 1945 - January 14, 2008

Barbara Ruth McGinty Mother, Friend, the "Big Buzz" The family of Barbara Ruth Baxter McGinty invites you to a celebration of her life and graduation to her Heavenly home. A memorial service will be held Monday, January 14, 2008, 10:00 AM, at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor James Featherstone officiating. Barbara will lie in state at the Sam Houston Funeral Home from 12-6 PM on Sunday, January 13th, with the family visiting with friends and loved ones from 3-6 PM. Barbara Ruth Baxter McGinty was born on January 13, 1945 in DeKalb, Texas to John Baxter and Mary Jones (Baxter) Sullivan. She passed away peacefully in the early hours of January 10, 2008, in Conroe, Texas, due to complications from pneumonia, with her family close by her side. She was preceded in death by her father, John Baxter; husband, Willard Bateman, Sr.; brother, Charles Baxter; and son, Morris McGinty. She is survived by her mother, Mary Sullivan of Trinity; brother and wife Kenneth and Judy Baxter of Houston; sister and husband Carlene and Bob Taylor of Huntsville; sister-in-law Joan Baxter of Huntsville; son and wife Willard and Buffy Bateman of Huntsville; daughter Mary Cook of Huntsville; son and wife Jerry and Tammy McGinty of Huntsville; son and wife Chris and Staci McGinty of Huntsville; and daughter and husband Virginia "Ginny" and Daniel Shultz of Conroe. Grandchildren include: Amos Baker, Skylar Baker, Macy McGinty, Madison McGinty, Joshua McGinty, Jacob McGinty, Christopher McGinty, Jonah McGinty, and Carson McGinty. Great grandchildren include Jasmine Walker and Jason Walker, Jr. Nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-

nieces are also a part of Barbara's surviving family. The Baxter family moved to Huntsville from DeKalb in 1954, when Barbara was nine years old. A proud member of the HHS marching band playing the cornet, Barbara graduated from Huntsville High School in 1963. Barbara loved working with the elderly, serving as a social worker and activities coordinator at several area nursing homes for many years – not only providing a loving environment for the patients, but teaching her children and their friends the importance of volunteering. The legendary “Big Buzz” which was the original Hornet mascot for HHS was unveiled in 1979, an idea concocted by Barbara and several of her closest friends. She drew the short straw, the suit was designed, constructed and fitted just for her, and the rest is Huntsville history. Barbara always had a story and some very candid advice, whether you wanted to hear it or not. Many students from HHS in the 1980's & 90's benefitted from her counsel, her hugs, and her stories. This continued with her grandchildren, and the stories became almost mythical – the fish got a little bigger, the cars got a little faster – but the journeys were always worth it. Isaiah 66:13a reads “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...” God, thank you for your comfort. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association and the ACS Huntsville/Walker County Relay for Life. You may leave memorial condolences for the family at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ruth McGinty*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Jerry, Joan and all your family,*

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I was unable to make it to the visitation, because we were out of town, but I was thinking of all of you.

Linda Haley

Linda Haley - January 23, 2008 at 07:13 PM



“ *Jerry, Chris, and Ginny--I was so sad to hear about your dear mother. She was a lady like no other and I have fond memories of her at all of those wild Hornet games. I know she was so proud of all of you and always has been. You're in my thoughts and prayers and will remain there.*

Jana Wright Bethel - January 21, 2008 at 03:33 PM

GH

“ I was a classmate of Barbara's and I'm saddened to hear that she has passed. We had lots of fun in high school and she always had a vibrant personality. I know she will be missed by everyone she knew. I will share a few memories of Barbara like the time we left the soldiers at the rock quarry (snipe hunting)...lol or the time we wrote on the signs at Sam Houston Park. Barbara baked a pie one time while we played hooky and we both got in trouble. These are just some of the antics we would do. I often thought about her throughout the years. She always made me laugh with the funny things she would come up with. Rest in peace, Barbara!

Glenna Hoover - January 18, 2008 at 10:45 PM

TB

“ Jerry, Ginny, Chris, Carlene, Joan, and all of Barbara's family, you have to know how many friends Barbara and yourselves have in this town. Your family goes back a long way and your mom was such a big part of Huntsville. She was also a big part of the students that went through school here. She was quite the Hornet fan. She was a very sweet, giving person and no doubt will be so missed by us all. You have to find peace in knowing that God is taking care of her now and she is free of all pain and illnesses. She has certainly earned her wings.

*With our thoughts, love and prayers,
Trinell and James Barrum*

Trinell & James Barrum - January 18, 2008 at 04:25 PM

LR

“ Sweet, dear Barbara was my first little league coach as a young girl playing softball in Huntsville. For several years I stayed on "Miss Barbara's" team. She took such good care of all the girls on the team and always had sweet ways to encourage us. I will always remember her laugh, her curly hair and pink cheeks with such fondness. Miss Barbara was truly an angel walking this earth. She will be missed.

Leigh Ann (Tedford) Remeny - January 18, 2008 at 01:10 PM

DM

“ May each passing day bring you all peace and serenity, For God is our maker and He knows just how things should be. After knowing Barbara when my kids were in school and having the pleasure of having her as one of one my patients, we all know that she spread joy and happiness to all. My prayers go out to the family.

Delois Merchant - January 14, 2008 at 04:58 PM

SF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I know what a difficult time this is for you all. Please know you are in my prayers.
Love you All...Susan

Susan Floyd - January 14, 2008 at 04:21 PM

KF

“ Our deepest sympathies to you all. She was a remarkable woman who's contributions will forever be remembered. TCherish those fond memories and remember, there are friends and family surrounding you in your time of sorrow.

Kathy Goodson & Family - January 14, 2008 at 01:54 PM

SM

“ Jerry, Chris and Ginny - I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a wonderful woman. All of you are in my thoughts. Sherri Marsh

Sherri Marsh - January 14, 2008 at 12:02 PM

MM

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies. My prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your mom. I lost my mom just a few months ago so I understand and empathize with your pain. May God grant you peace and sustain you through this difficult time. Marcella Marshall

Marcella Marshall - January 14, 2008 at 11:48 AM

LS

“ Dear Jenny and family, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. We are praying for you and your family and rejoice in her "going home".

I will be checking on you when you come back to work.

May the memories of you mother and God's comfort keep you strong. Love, Laura

Laura & Doc Smallets - January 14, 2008 at 10:49 AM

KF

“ Dear McGinty clan, you are in my prayers. Barbara was such a unique lady with so much caring to give. I fondly remember "Santa Claus" of Normal Park and the expressions on my little ones faces when I opened the door. Such hard work for all our kids. What a lady! She is gone way too soon, but contributed more than most of us do with more time to do it. Please feel my love and concern for all of you during this difficult time. Kay Fountain

Kay Fountain - January 14, 2008 at 10:26 AM

CS

“ To Barbara's Family: The world has lost a shining star. Barbara was a very special person that brightened everyone's life around her. I will certainly miss visiting with her via telephone. She was one of Huntsville's characters and I have been blessed by knowing her.

Charles Schulz

Charles Schulz - January 13, 2008 at 07:12 PM

RT

“ Chris, Jerry & the extended Baxter/McGinty families:
Your mom always brought smiles to peoples faces with her wit and humor. She made everyone she came into contact with feel special. It was her unique gift from God. In the days ahead, we hope your sorrow is replaced with a smile when you remember her.

Coach and Mrs. T

Roger & Patty Tedford - January 13, 2008 at 12:04 PM

PR

“ We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's death. We know she loved the Lord so she is in the arms of our Savior. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. My family send their condolences to each of you. Barbara & Carlene were our school buddies.

The Duke Family

Peggy Duke Reynolds

Peggy & Randy Reynolds - January 12, 2008 at 08:58 PM

JW

“ I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE SYMPATHY TO YOU IN THE LOSS OF BARBARA. I KNOW AS DO YOU THAT SHE IS MUCH BETTER OFF THERE WITH GOD AND JESUS. I ALSO AM AWARE OF THE SORROW AND HURT THAT IS IN YOUR HEARTS. PLEASE KNOW THAT VIRGINIA AND I ARE PRAYING FOR YOU ALL.

LOVE IN CHRIST, BRO. JOHN

JOHN WALKER - January 12, 2008 at 08:55 PM

KS

“ Jerry, Chris, Ginny, Willard and Bottie,

I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother held a very special place in my heart and I will always remember her advice and the love she showed me.

Kelly Steele - January 12, 2008 at 07:56 PM

SS

“ To the Family of Barbara McGinty,

I was saddened to hear of your loss. I admire the fact that your mom started the tradition of a Hornet mascot. I am proud to carry on with Hornet pride.

*Sarah Smith
Buzzy the Hornet 2006-2008*

Sarah Smith - January 12, 2008 at 07:16 PM

AB

“ To my dear friend, Ginny- My thoughts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Just remember if you need someone to talk to I am there for you. I truly give you my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May God Bless you all.....Love, Amy, David and Layne.

Amy Beightol - January 12, 2008 at 04:57 PM

RT

“ Jerry, Chris and Ginny,

I was saddened to hear of the passing of your mother. It made me reflect on the times we all once shared. "Barb" cared for everyone of your friends as if they were her own, and there was never a dull moment in her company.

Please accept my deepest sympathy and I pray for your families in this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Ryan Tedford and family*

Ryan Tedford - January 12, 2008 at 03:58 PM

MP

“ Thank you Lord for sending this very special person to this the world. Barbara's wonderful spirit and freindship was a true gift to all her knew her. No one displayed more Love & Spirit for the Hornets of Huntsville. Every game was a true event because of her presence. Thank you Barbara for all the great memories for participants5 & the kids of Huntsville High School.

Margaret Miller Paulsel - January 12, 2008 at 12:12 PM

J1

“ Dear Family...Barbara graduated with me in 1963 and I would like to send our deepest condolences from our class. I can't think of anyone that did not remember your mother and we all have so many wonderful memories of her.

She was a bright light to everyone who knew her.

Janie Park Dulaney & the Class of 1963 - January 12, 2008 at 08:50 AM

SM

“ Chris, Jerry, and Ginny, I am so so sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you all and will keep your family in my prayers. My sincerest sympathies, Stacie

Stacie Marsh - January 11, 2008 at 06:07 PM

SB

“ Ginny and Family, I am saddened to hear of the loss of your Mother. She was a great women. May god comfort you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Shelly Beard

Shelly Beard - January 11, 2008 at 05:18 PM

MI

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Michelle - January 11, 2008 at 04:48 PM

DP

“ Dear Ms. Ginny,
You and your family are in our Prayers during this difficult time. I know first hand that a parent's death is never easy to handle. Just let God into your heart. Hugs & Prayers....Love the Paluka Family.

David & Rose Paluka - January 11, 2008 at 04:43 PM

SO

“ *Your fellow family at State Counsel for Offenders wishes to express our sincere condolences. Our thoughts are with you during this most difficult time.*

State Counsel for Offenders - January 11, 2008 at 03:20 PM

KP

“ *Dear Ginny,
I am so very sorry to hear about your mother. She was such a wonderful lady, and I have many fond memories of her. My deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your family.
Kelly Keeland Peck.*

Kelly Keeland Peck - January 11, 2008 at 03:12 PM