



Barbara Shumate

May 22, 1959 - June 21, 2008

Barbara was born in Miami, Oklahoma May 22, 1959. After a short while in Oklahoma, her family moved to Fort Worth where Barbara lived until 1992. She then moved her family to Huntsville. Barbara was preceded in death by her sister Elizabeth "Buffi" Rosier. Barbara is survived by her daughter, Jeanne Chairez-Schram and husband Will; son, Anthony Shawn Leggett and wife Patty; mother, Rev. Jeanne Leggett and Debra Jones; grandson, Anthony Leggett II; two granddaughters, Hailee and Micheala Watt; uncle, Joel Poor and wife Linda; cousin, Freddie Poor and wife Karen; brother-in-law, Paul Rosier; longtime friends, Joni DeRome, Marti Jones and James Cole; and her four legged companion, Scrappy the Maltese Wonder. After a long career with management in several Seven Eleven Stores in Fort Worth, Barbara moved her family to Huntsville and attended Sam Houston University where she where she majored in Journalism and Criminal Justice. Barbara began working for TDCJ at the Wynne Unit where she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. She recently transferred to the TDCJ Training Facility as an instructor at the Ellis Unit Academy. Barbara touched many hearts both at work and in her personal life. The family has received many calls, visits and emails of tribute and testimony since Barbara's passing. Barbara has literally given the shirt off her back and helped multitudes with whatever need they had. It did not matter to Barb if it was financial, a listening ear, or if they needed a bed to sleep on. She never said "No." Barbara always said to everyone "You Can." The family would also like to thank the gentleman (A

Navy Seal) on the scene who was the first responder, to know Barb was not alone. This gentleman was quick to action not thinking of himself and his own safety. Barbara is and will continue to be missed by all. A memorial service will be held June 21, 2008, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Dr., Huntsville, TX at 2 PM with family visitation at 1 PM. Donations may be made to the Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP) Palmer Drug Abuse Program 1200 Enclave Parkway, Suite 600 Houston, Texas 77077 TAX ID#: 74-2078429 Make checks payable to: PDAP Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Shumate*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Jeanne and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your MOM was so special:)She is an angel now and will always be in your hearts and souls.I love you Jeanne! Stay strong and keep your faith:)Love, Margie & Family*

Margie Davis - July 16, 2008 at 09:28 AM



“ *To Little Jeannie and Shawn,
Words alone cannot express the sorrow I feel. You both are true images of your mother and can be proud for that. She was a loving and giving individual. She raised both of you to be strong independant and loving adults. You both were the love and joy of her life. I will never forget the many laughs and tears we shared together. You both are special to me and will always have a place in my heart. Stay strong and know that you both have a guardian angel looking over you now,
Hope Faith and Love and the greatest of these is LOVE. Words your mother lived by and now you can as well. Keep in touch and know that that you are loved,
Melodye*

Melodye Nelson - June 24, 2008 at 11:13 AM

AL

“ To all that attended the services (and for those that couldn't)...GOD BLESS YOU FOR THE LOVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU SHARED. My mother would have loved the feelings and thoughts we shared, but most of all the LOVE!!! That is what she was ALL about (in a nutshell). Everyone let me know just how important she was and just how much she meant at the services. Thank you Family, Friends, and TDCJ. We love you all now and forever as my mother did!!!

Anthony Shawn Leggett - June 22, 2008 at 01:04 PM

JM

“ Dear Jeannie and Shawn,
So sorry to hear of your mom. I know nothing anyone can say can help. But we are all here for you both. Your mom was a good person I know many kids who loved her and thought of her as their second mom. She had a very caring soul. And I know god has rewarded her for this. She walks with the angles now but know she lives on through you and your family.
We love you guys and our prayers are with you.

jackie (skinny Momma) - June 20, 2008 at 09:33 PM

AT

“*Jeanne & Shawn, I know there isn't anything I can say to help you through this time in your life. Just know that my prayers and thoughts are with you. Your mom has always been a God send. I remember her so vividly growing up, and all the funny "looks" she used to give us when we would do something stupid. I used to love to come over after fighting with my parents and talking to your mom. She always listened and even though she didn't always give me advice it was nice to have someone who didn't judge, who was compassionate and loving to talk to. I know life has taken us to different places, but know that I always think of you. I love each of you and miss you dearly. My God be with you during this tragic time. My doors are always open if you ever need anything. That's the least I can do for all your family has done for me growing up.*

All my love today, tomorrow and forever!

April (Shiver) Thompson - June 20, 2008 at 09:24 PM

MH

“*Jeanne, Debra, and family. My prayers are with you all during this time. It is hard to deal with a lost of a love one, but Jesus is there for you all at all times. We don't have the answers, but Barbara is with our Lord and we all will meet again in that wonderful place along the side of our Lord.*

Marvin Hyvl - June 20, 2008 at 01:53 PM

KO

“ We only knew BJ for a little over a year, but she became a very precious friend during that time. She brought great joy and love to all she met, and she was a very compassionate soul. She will continue caring for all she loved now as one of our angels watching over us. She loved her family greatly, and I know she was very proud of them all. To her children and mother: our prayers during this hard time. Remember her voice in the rain drops falling, in the murmur of the babbling brook, in the soft breeze that brushes back the hair from your forehead. She's there, watching over you.

Karen & Mickey O'Briant - June 20, 2008 at 11:29 AM

LR

“ Jeanne & Debra, My prayers have been with you and your family. My heart is heavy with sorrow and weeps for the loss of your precious one, Barbara. May the Lord hold you tight with His loving embrace. Jesus has promised: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted". Matt.5:5. Love, Linda

Linda Rund - June 20, 2008 at 10:24 AM

KH

“ "I wish I had some magical words that would ease your heart." Those are the words Barbara said to me when my mother, Susan Canfield, passed away. I did not know Barbara till that day. However she took time to write to me and sent me Christmas card. I spoke to her on the phone a few times and she was a wonderful woman. To Barbara's children, I wish I had magical words to ease your pain. We should not lose our mothers so short in life! My heart and thoughts are with all of you. God Bless!
Kara

Kara Holub - June 20, 2008 at 08:12 AM

JB

“ *Jeanne & Family, I am so sorry for the tragic loss of your mother. I was a mentor with you through the TDCJ Mentoring Program back in 1996 ?? and remember you & your Mom dearly. I have thought of you many times through the years and wondered how you are & hoping that life is better for you now. You are a very special young lady and I know the days ahead will be very tough. Just think of all the wonderful memories you had together & know that your Mother loved you with all her heart. Gld Bless You!*

Jamie Brinegar

Jamie Brinegar - June 19, 2008 at 08:08 PM

MB

“ *My heart and prayers go out to you at this sad time. I was very blessed by having known Barbara and working with her at Wynne. She always had a smile for someone and kind words. She will be greatly missed by many. Please contact me if there is anything I can do.*

Mary Bronner - June 19, 2008 at 08:04 PM

JB

“ *Debra and Jeanne, it broke my heart to hear about the tragic loss of your precious daughter. My prayer for you is that our loving Father will grant you peace and the grace to entrust Barbara to his never-failing care and love, and will grant you the assurance, without a single doubt, that when you pass through that door she will be waiting there to be reunited with you for eternity. In the meantime, I pray that Jesus will wrap his arms around you and hold you close in your grief.*

*Love,
Judy*

Judy Baldry - June 19, 2008 at 05:07 PM

SW

“ Sgt. Shumate was a great person and I enjoyed working with her at the Wynne Unit. She will truly be missed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Shannon Wood - June 19, 2008 at 05:06 PM

RT

“ We here at the Region V Training Academy would like to send your sincere condolence. We wish to Sgt. Shumate's family and friends the presence of God to shield and hold you during this time of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Region V Training

Region V training - June 19, 2008 at 02:46 PM

RD

“ The Region II Training Department would like the family and friends of Barbara to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.

Region II Training Department - June 19, 2008 at 11:41 AM

WM

“ I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Sgt. Barbara Shumate. Although I did not know her personally, I can see from the condolences that she was a very special human being that will be deeply missed. Faith and time will heal the loss, and memories will last forever. God Bless!

William Motal - June 19, 2008 at 11:34 AM

WS

“ Even when someone is so inclined to live their life as a testament to always doing the right thing, the pain and sorrow felt by friends and loved ones is not mitigated, but their foot prints left in the sands of life, cannot wash away. The legacy Barbara leaves in the lives she touched will inspire anew each time we happen upon the path with the foot prints so indelibly etched.

Wayne Spivey, TDCJ Training Department

Wayne Spivey - June 19, 2008 at 10:06 AM

DO

“ *Jeanne and Debra my condolences is with you and my paryers. My God put his arms around you and stay strong in him with his love.*

Dorothy - June 18, 2008 at 07:29 PM

TD

“ *I extend my sincere sympathy to your family during this time of loss. I know Barbara touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed. May God give you comfort and peace.*

Tina Cope - TDCJ Training Dept - June 18, 2008 at 04:29 PM

SA

“ *Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Barbara. We have lost a co-worker and a friend. Sgt. Thompson misses seeing her at work everyday, and the joking around they did back and forth. Matt and Angie*

Sgt. Thompson and Angie - June 18, 2008 at 03:04 PM

RA

“ Barbara was a part of our family at the Region I Training Academy. There are no appropriate words to describe how much we loved Barbara and there will never be enough tears to shed as we too mourn her loss. She was our co-worker, friend, confidant, mentor, and so many other things. She gave so unselfishly out of love and true human compassion. May the Lord hold each of you in his loving hands as you go through this difficult time.

Region 1 Training Academy - June 18, 2008 at 02:54 PM

SS

“ I am honored to have work with Barbara both at the Wynne Unit and Training Department. Not only was she my co-worker she was a friend. Barbara was one of a kind and will truly be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends threw this difficult time.

Sandra Sumner - June 18, 2008 at 11:43 AM

RB

“ Jeanne: Thinking of you, sending love and light.

XO, Rob Bridges

Rob Bridges - June 18, 2008 at 11:37 AM

LL

“ Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning. Psalm 30:5

May His love surround your precious family during this very difficult time.

Linda Lippe - June 18, 2008 at 10:51 AM

MU

“ *To the family and friends of Sgt Barbara Shumate.
I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dear Barbara. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this most difficult time. Sgt Shumate will be greatly missed by her second family the TDCJ training department.
My God bless and comfort each of you.
Michael Upshaw*

Michael Upshaw - June 18, 2008 at 10:34 AM

TD

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss and know that we are honoring the memory of Barbara.*

TDCJ - Curriculum Department - June 18, 2008 at 10:31 AM

RC

“ *Jeanne & Debra,

We're sorry for your loss and sorry we can't be there to celebrate Barbara's life. Cyber hugs feel so inadequate. We remember how Jeanne spoke with such love and fondness about Barbara the last time we were together.
Both of you remain in our prayers.*

In Christ,

Colleen & Mark

Rev. Mark & Colleen - June 17, 2008 at 08:09 PM

LT

“ With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you slip away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke out hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

Our hearts go out to you.

Lynn & Tandy - June 17, 2008 at 07:14 PM

SB

“ Sgt. Shumate will be greatly missed! Scott enjoyed working side by side with her at Wynne, both in the building and at the camp. She always had a smile and nice words for me when I would come see them at the unit. She is truly a special person and an angel! I know that her kinds words and loving spirit kept Scott sane when they worked together. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers. If ya'll need anything, please do not hesitate to call us!

Scott & Lisa Bailey - June 17, 2008 at 05:39 PM

MJ

“ Jeanne and Debra, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We wish we could be home right now to give more support, but please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers daily. We love you so much, Max and Pamela

Max & Pamela Jones - June 17, 2008 at 01:07 PM

BS

“ To Barbara's family,
We are mourning the loss of Barbara along with you. We are keeping you all lifted up in prayer for peace, comfort and strength. She was an important part of our lives and will be truly missed by our family. My you be comforted by the knowledge of how deeply she was loved by everyone who knew her, by all the people she touched and how much she will be missed.
We love you all, Stacy & Beaver Blake

Beaver & Stacy - June 17, 2008 at 12:48 PM

MH

“ On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and members of the Correctional Peace Officer's Foundation, please accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of your loved one.
The family and friends and co-workers are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marshall and Debbie Herklotz - June 17, 2008 at 10:40 AM

SW

“ Jeanne, Barbara always reminded us of an Angel....so sweet, so kind, so pure. I guess he thought so too and needed her to help look down and watch over others for him. She will truly be missed on this earth by so many of her friends and family. We love you (and Debra too).

Sharon Waganer & Rae Wedgeworth - June 17, 2008 at 09:44 AM

PW

“ *Jeanne and Debra, I wish I could be there to put my arms around you. My heart goes out to you and all of Barbara's family and her many friends. I must say that I can not think of Barbara without smiling. I'm sure she is even now putting smiles on the faces in heaven.*

Pam Wade - June 16, 2008 at 06:36 PM

RA

“ *My Jeanne -- I'm so sorry to hear about Barbara. I've been thinking of her for a few days now and when we all lived in that "motel" looking apartment building in Ft. Worth. My, what memories. My heart goes out to you and I join you in grieving your loss. Please know that I love you as a sister and I'm praying along with our whole church for you and everyone involved.*
Love,
Ron

Ron Anderson - June 16, 2008 at 04:18 PM

RP

“ *Barbara, You truly were one of a kind. You will be missed, we will always miss our friend. Our prayers go out to the family.*

Ray and Kim Pomaes - June 16, 2008 at 02:57 PM

PA

“ *I want to say I am very sorry for you loss. Mama Barbara was a wonderful person. I love her dearly, we are going to miss her. I only wish that Shawn and our babies had more time with her. I know we will meet her in heaven. And we now have an angel to watch over us all. We love you mama!*

Patty - June 16, 2008 at 02:35 PM

CP

“ Jeanne,

I can't tell you how sorry I was to hear about Barbara. I know your religion is your rock and I hope you can find some comfort and strength from it. I want you to know I am thinking of you and Barbara's children and will say a prayer for you. G4uTR

Carolyn Plessner - June 16, 2008 at 02:31 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 - June 16, 2008 at 01:45 PM

DB

“ Jeannie, it goes without saying that my thoughts and prayers are with you, Debra and the kids. I can only believe that God will comfort you and give you the strength that you need. I know that your faith tells you that Barbara is in a better place, without pain and I'm sure that one day she will greet you with open arms. Please know that you are loved by many people and we will do anything that we can for you. I love you, Denise Balsam

Denise Balsam - June 16, 2008 at 01:29 PM

RK

“ Jeanne, My love and prayers are with you and Debra at this time of sorrow. You have lost a beautiful human being. God bless. Love, Rosie

Rose Krhovjak - June 16, 2008 at 01:21 PM

EO

“ *Jeanne,*

*There are tears on Jesus face because you hurt,
and tears of joy because Barbara is with Him.*

My mind cannot comprehend the losses you have suffered.

Love, Lois

Era L. O'Neal - June 16, 2008 at 01:17 PM



“ *Barbara Shumate*

June 16, 2008 at 01:12 PM

NE

“ *Jennie our prayers are with you and Debra. We hope you stay close to the Lord in this trying time. We Know God has blessed you with friends and family to stand by your side and walk with you through this. You are truly loved by all. May Gods Grace and Love carry you through...*

Nick & Eva - June 16, 2008 at 11:11 AM

JD

“ Jeanne,

Mere words can not begin to express my deepest & heartfelt sympathy for your profound loss. Many are praying for your peace that passes all understanding.

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Joyce Dunaway - June 16, 2008 at 11:08 AM

VA

“ Jeanne, *Our hearts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family. Remember that you all are very loved by everyone and the Lord and he has taken one of his Angels home and she will be waiting at heavens gate for when all of us whne we get there. She'll probably be standing there telling jokes with Johnnye (Mom}. We Love you and have not forgotten all the wonderful sermons we heard you preach about the Lord's love !! We love you, Joe and Valerie Adams (your first screwy married couple)*

Valerie & Joe Adams - June 15, 2008 at 10:47 PM

EN

“ *Jeanne,
My heart and prayers are with you.
You are loved.
Words fail me.
You are my hero.
You are so loved.
Hugs, from me to you.
Peace,
Elaine*

Elaine Neal - June 15, 2008 at 08:36 PM

KL

“ *Barbara -- I am confident you are now safe and are one of Jesus' most precious angels.*

Jeanne -- There are no adequate words of comfort right now. Just know how much you are loved and that you, Debra, and all your family are in my thoughts every second. I heard something today that Tim Russert said to a friend who had lost his son -- "Keep in mind not the years you will NOT have with him, but the wonderful years you DID have with him."

I love you.

Karen

Karen Lord - June 15, 2008 at 08:08 PM

TS

“ *Jeanne,
My prayers are with you.
Rest assured that Barbara is in the arms of Jesus, and will welcome
us all home some day.
I love you,
Tom Sumner*

Tom Sumner - June 15, 2008 at 04:45 PM