



Barbara Ann Babb

August 30, 1950 - November 28, 2014

Barbara Ann Babb, 64, longtime literacy advocate and social justice volunteer passed away peacefully on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014 at her home in Libertyville. Barbara was surrounded by family members when her journey with cancer ended. She was born Aug. 30, 1950 in Ashland, WI, later residing Lake Bluff and Wheaton, living in Libertyville since 1981. A graduate of Wheaton North High School, Barbara received a bachelor's degree in special education from Northern Illinois University, earned a master's in reading from Radford College, Radford, VA, and a master's in adult education from Northern Illinois University. Barbara's teaching career began in Virginia and she went on to teach adult education at the College of Lake County and Waukegan Public Library. Most recently, Barbara served as president of the board of the Literacy volunteers of Lake County. She had previously worked on the library staff, leading its adult literacy services. She also was a volunteer for Bread for the World, believing no one should go hungry. Among her work with Bread for the World, Barb traveled to Uganda to assess the funding of programs and participated in conferences and public policy efforts. Surviving are her husband James Babb; 3 children, Jonathan (Jacqueline) Babb of Glencoe, Mike Babb of Chicago and Lesley Babb (Dave Loomer) of Minneapolis, MN; 2 Grandchildren, Benjamin and Mila; her mother, Phyllis Greve Morris; sisters, Pat DuChene, Carol Copek and Cathy Morris (Glen Doremire); brothers, Tom (Heide) Morris and Rob (Moir) Morris. She was preceded in death by her father, John Morris and her infant daughter Lisa. A memorial service will be

held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to the Barbara Babb Memorial Fund, c/o Literacy Volunteers of Lake County, 128 County St. Waukegan, IL 60085. Info, 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

NR

“ Barbara reached out to me when our son died and was so comforting in our grief.

Nancy & Mike Roach - June 29, 2018 at 01:26 PM

LT

“ Barb was always upbeat, and completely dedicated to her work. She was always there with a helpful tip for me while I was tutoring. She was a lovely person and I am so very sorry for your loss and I know that she will be greatly missed.

Lynda Turner - April 27, 2018 at 05:43 AM

LK

“ It was a pleasure working with you on the literacy program. Many lives have been changed by your work.

Linda Kimmons-Almond - April 27, 2018 at 05:43 AM

TM

“ Barbara was always a positive and caring advocate for the adult learner. Her long and strong leadership in Literacy Volunteers of Lake County will remain a lasting reminder of all she supported. She will always be remembered and missed by many of us that worked so closely with her.

Teta Minuzzo - April 27, 2018 at 05:43 AM

CD

“ Barb was a very special lady who left an imprint on the hearts of so many of us. I served as her VP on the Literacy Volunteers of Lake County and will forever treasure the times we spent having lunch and meeting over coffee. Barb helped me face some serious health issues with my husband and I never thought we would run into each other at Northwestern Hospital during her treatments and my husband's appointments. Thank you, Barb, for your friendship. You made me want to work ever harder to eradicate illiteracy and I will forever be indebted to you.

Carole Dore - April 27, 2018 at 05:43 AM

DM

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

donna monk - April 27, 2018 at 05:43 AM

GE

“ I met Barb through the Adult Literacy Connection and we formed a friendship. We really lost a lovely human being in Barb. To know her was to love her. Peace to all who loved her-most especially Jim.

Georgia - April 27, 2018 at 05:43 AM

CO

“ In your time of sorrow, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."—Psalm 147:3.

Colleen - April 27, 2018 at 05:43 AM



“ JAMES AND CHILDREN, You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your wife and mother. may you find comfort knowing that others care. John 6:40,44. MARGUERITE.

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“ I am sorry to hear about your loss. Please take comfort in the scripture at 1cor 1:2-4. God will grant you comfort and peace to keep enduring during this difficult time.

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“ I tutor youngsters at the Waukegan Library and often use on of the quiet study rooms. It is the Barbara Babb Room and as I leave, I give her plaque a little pat that I care about her, her family, and the legacy that she left in this world.

Nancy Roach - April 27, 2018 at 05:43 AM