



Barbara Ann Pettingell

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Barbara Ann Pettingell, born Nov 19, 1952 in Oakland to the late Edward and Ellen Baum, was our mother, sister, nana, auntie, and friend. She loved and she loved and she loved her family so much. When we learned that she had cancer, I, her son, tried to ask her about her past, to piece together a complete picture of the woman that she was. She told me about her first husband, and their first child together, Michelle, who was stillborn. Crushed by the loss, they drove across the country, from Virginia to California in her '67 Mustang. She had two more kids with him, my sisters Dawn and Heather. They ended up divorced, and she tried to create a life with her daughters. She would load them into a buggy and pull them behind her bike to go to Palomar College. She met my dad there, and when her bike broke, he gave her a new one, and fashioned it with a motor, and that was the first step in their 29 year long marriage. She transferred to UCSD and got her BA in French Literature, and then went to Cal Western Law School. She served as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of San Diego, "Putting crooks in jail," as she put it. Then Heather tragically died in a car accident when she was only 18. She had only just had me earlier that year, and my sister



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two years earlier. She was, once again, devastated by losing a child, but my sister and I gave her hope, and my father's unconditional love for her knew no bounds. Then her best

friend was murdered, and she was diagnosed with Hepatitis C. She fought hard despite her

deep sadness, because she had to for her family, and she won the battle. It bought her enough time to raise her family, and make it whole, and keep it safe, and pass on her love.

As we sat and watched her pass, she sent out her love, and it bound us all together.

She was

always the rock, the center, the foundation, the strong one. She said, "In the end, all there

is, is love." She was so proud of all of her children, she had raised us to accomplish great

things. She poured her soul into all of her endeavors, whether it was education, career, or

most importantly, family and motherhood. We will never forget her fire and her passion

and her spark that could light up even the darkest darkness, and her happiness even in

tragedy. We love you so much.




Events


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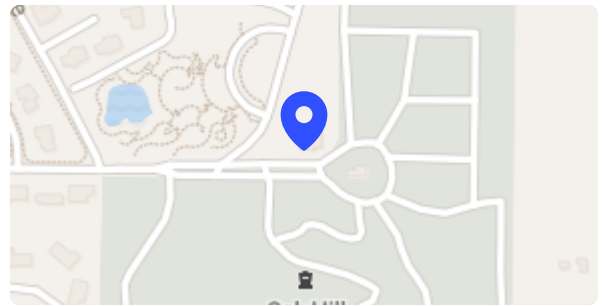
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Graveside Service


 **Friday**, August 29, 2014

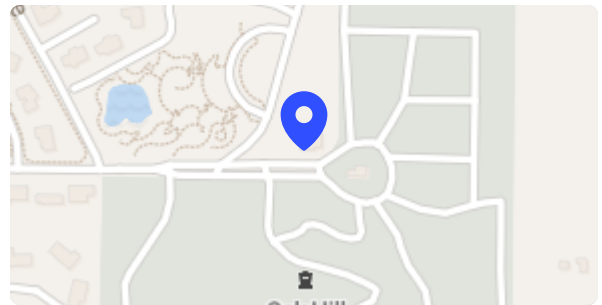
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 **Oak Hill Memorial Park**
2640 Glenridge Rd, Escondido CA 92027



Cemetery Details

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SM

Sarah Miller posted:

Barb was like a second mom to me in high school. Heather was my dearest friend. I'm so sorry we lost touch over the years. She was very special.

August 31 at 1:03 AM

SM

Sarah Miller August 31 at 1:04 AM

The whole family is in my prayers. NY deepest sympathy goes out to you.

KS

Karlyn Schneider lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

My deepest sympathy to the Pettingell Family. My prayers are with all. Karlyn Schneider (David and Deanne Baum's Sister)

August 29 at 8:04 AM



KF

Kate Flaherty posted:

Barbara, I'm so sorry about all you've had to go through. I first met you in the DA's office when I started 20 years ago, and enjoyed you so much. After you left I liked seeing you around Escondido. My husband Alan told me that you took such good care of your animals and you had a heart of gold. My deepest condolences to your family. Kate Flaherty

August 28 at 4:07 PM

PL

Paula Lillard July 27 at 10:39 AM

U r Missed & loved Barbie. Oh the shenanigans I want to share with ur kids. Big hug.

LS

Lupe S. lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

August 27 at 12:40 PM



SN

Sandy N. posted:

Barbara, We are going to miss your wisdom and kindness and compassion. The world is emptier without you. Sandy

August 27 at 11:49 AM



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PG

Peter Gallagher posted:

Barbara, What a great friend and co-worker when we were all baby lawyers. The hard work, the laughs and memories are all cherished. I will always remember your calm demeanor except when that one defense lawyer...the one you affectionately dubbed "the bowling ball" would set you off. It was hilarious. You were the smart calm and reasonable one in an office full of goofballs. Love you lots. Pete Gallagher

August 27 at 10:41 AM

MJ

Marya Johnson posted:

I love and will miss you Barbie. I will never forget the hilarious and tender memories we built through high school, college, and the years beyond. You were always a pillar of courage and strength and truly inspired me. You continue to inspire me. Rest in peace my good friend. Love, Marya

August 27 at 9:20 AM

MJ

Marya Johnson posted:

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August 27 at 9:11 AM

JP

Jim Pettingell posted:

Thank you for the 34 years together. I Love you so much, much, you said much when you were dying and now I grieve so much...jp

August 27 at 4:13 AM

PL

Paula Lillard posted:

I love you Barbie. Our crazy times in high school will never be forgotten: Friday night football games, cruising Shoney's afterwards. Fires on the beach at Wine Cove in Va. Beach. Driving that 1940s faded blue Ford when you got pulled & issued a ticket for "impeding traffic" - you pulled away from the cop, grinned & shot him the peace sign. Hilarious to us. Rest in peace my dear friend, until we meet again on the other side. Paula

August 27 at 2:14 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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