



Mary Barbara (O'Brien) Cherry

January 1, 1938 - December 22, 2017

Mary Barbara (O'Brien) Cherry was born in Columbus, Ohio on January 1, 1938 to Edward and Hildegard O'Brien. She passed away on December 22, 2017.

Barbara graduated from St. Joseph Academy (1956) and the Mt. Carmel School of Nursing (1958).

In 1958, she married the love of her life, Jack Cherry. Between 1961 and 1965, they had four children: Jack, Lisa, Patrick and Tom.

Barbara lived what she called an adventure filled life with stops in Lancaster (OH), Cincinnati, Baton Rouge, Lawrence (KS), Houston, New Orleans, Tampa and finally Houston again.

While in Houston, Barbara worked much of the 1970's through the 1990's at Memorial Hermann Hospital (Med Center) on the Second Floor pediatrics ward where she cared for sick children like they were her own. She retired in 1999 to become a full time grandmother and volunteered at both St. John Vianney Catholic Church and Rees Elementary.

Her family and her faith were the most important things to Barbara. She lived for her husband, their children and grandchildren. She loved watching them blossom and grow.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Jack, their infant son, Robert, her parents, and her brother, Larry O'Brien.

Barbara is survived by daughter Lisa Howard and her husband Gerard; sons Jack, Patrick and Tom and their wives Carey, Kathy, and Belia; grandchildren Marisa, Megan, Sarah, Brianna, Tommy, John, Elizabeth, Christopher and Michael; brothers Jack O'Brien and Keith O'Brien; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Cherry family will be present to receive friends Wednesday, December 27, 2017 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Vigil Service beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will commence Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Dettling Funeral Home

14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, US, 77079

DEC **Vigil Service** 07:00PM

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DEC **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM

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St. John Vianney Catholic Church

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Comments



“ Aunt Barb was, put simply, one of the warmest people I have ever known. I will always cherish my memories with her from my childhood: riding the street car with her in New Orleans; hunting for eggs in her backyard on Easter; or playing games with her around her kitchen table.

She always liked to call the kids "darling" or "sugar." But she was the sweet one.

All my love to Jack, Lisa, Pat, and Tommy. I'm so sorry I couldn't make it to Houston for the funeral.

Keith Jr.

Keith O'Brien - December 28, 2017 at 05:27 PM



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Dettling Funeral Home - December 27, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing and my prayers are with all of you. We had so many wonderful years as neighbor's...those memories will never be forgotten. God bless all of you.

sharon Bulian - December 27, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Barbara (O'Brien) Cherry.



December 27, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Barbara (O'Brien) Cherry.



December 27, 2017 at 11:32 AM



“ When we all worked for the Saints our son, Wes, was tested for cystic fibrosis (which he fortunately did not have) and it so happened that Barb was the nurse to take care of us for the test. I was extremely concerned about it of course but Barb was so calm and reassuring through the whole thing telling me she knew it would be negative. I thought at the time how wonderful she must be for families going through really difficult situations. Her demeanor was just what it needed to be to do her job and console me at the same time.

This carried over into her friendships as well. She was always a joy and one that would be there if you needed her. She continued her relationship with Wade's Mom traveling a good distance to have lunch with her every now and then. She was always so dear and caring to Helen.

I can only imagine how much she will be missed by all of you but I know you are consoled a bit knowing she is now with Jack. Their devotion to each other was always obvious. We have lost a special lady and Wade and I are so very sorry.

Love, Wade and Laurie Phillips

Laurie Phillips - December 27, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ My prayers and special thoughts are with all of you as you mourn the loss of your dear 'Barb'. I know she was the light of Jack's life and such a strong but incredibly gentle lady. May you each find peace in your memories of this fine lady.

Gay Fairchild Donehoo - December 27, 2017 at 03:42 AM



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Dettling Funeral Home - December 26, 2017 at 03:25 PM