



Barbara Moore

May 6, 1941 - June 3, 2020

Barbara Moore, age 79 of East Peoria, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at Reflections Memory Care in Washington.

She was born on May 6, 1941 in Mt. Carmel to Callis A. and Mary Margaret (Wiegele) Jones, and grew up in Newburgh, IN. She married Russell J. Moore on July 18, 1981 and he preceded her in death on March 22, 2011.

Barb was also preceded in death by brother-in-law Bill Palmer and nephew Billy Palmer. She is survived by her sister Carole Palmer; stepchildren, Mary (Kevin) Keil, Beth (Jack) Watson, Ann Moore, and Bill (Vickie) Moore; eight grandsons; and seven great-grandchildren.

Barb earned a Bachelor of Science from Hanover College and her Master of Science from Illinois State University. She spent her 31-year teaching career at East Peoria Community High School as a physical education instructor, successful volleyball coach, and one of the first female Athletic Directors in Illinois. Early in her teaching career, she spent summers working at Girl Scout camps in both Illinois and Indiana and building a cabin on her property located on the Ohio River bluffs. After retirement in 1994, she enjoyed collecting antiques, golfing, shopping, and taking care of her yard.

The family thanks all of the many persons who helped to care for Barb during the latter part of her life.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no funeral services at this time.

Cremation rites have been accorded and Barb will be buried at a private family graveside service at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to East Peoria Community High School, 1401 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL 61611, and may be designated to Moms Who Care or the Athletic Booster Club.

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Comments



“ I will never forget how much Ms Jones taught me. I played both volleyball and basketball. It was wonderful to see her again when our volleyball team was inducted into the Hall of Fame. She will always have a special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Jean Callow Ksiazek

Jean Callow Ksiazek - June 11 at 09:38 AM



“ Barb was Ms Jones to me while in school and one of my favorite teachers. What a wonderful surprise when she married Russ and became a great neighbor. Barb left a lasting impression on so many. My thoughts and prayers to the family.

Lori Toevs - June 06 at 10:26 PM



“ Mrs. Moore was a wonderful coach. Playing volleyball at EPCHS was a big part of my high school experience. She was so supportive of me as a player. My condolences to the family.

Alecia Bambrick - June 05 at 11:54 PM



“ Hello - Am so sorry to hear that Barb has passed. She was my PE teacher, but more than that, she was unforgettable even after all these years. (I graduated in 1969) She was fun-loving, kind, and caring, always willing to help. May the Lord comfort you with the great memories you must have of her.

Louise Irwin - June 05 at 10:52 PM



“ Mrs. Moore made me who I am today: confident, resilient, and instilling in me that if you work hard, you can improve. I do not remember if it was our junior or senior year, but the girls did not have weight equipment, we couldn't use the boys weight room, and if we wanted it, we had to fund raise for it. Well, we did just that. Had I known about Title IX violations back then, I probably would have protested or ended up a lawyer.

As a Coach, I remember how much she taught me about volleyball and the one time she chewed my butt - deservedly! (It only had to happen once, believe me) I saw

how much coaching meant to her the day at practice she told us about the passing of Lynn Brooks. It was the first former athlete that she had lost.

Mrs. Moore was maroon & gold, through & through. My prayers are with her family & the EPCHS family as well.

Karen Fennell EPCHS '87 - June 05 at 08:41 PM



“ Oh my goodness. Ms Jones!!! I graduated in 1972 from EPCHS. I am so sorry for your loss. Great sense of humor, patience of a saint. We all thought we knew everything there was to know. She made PE fun.

Linda Hibbert - June 05 at 08:31 PM



“ She was my friend, neighbor and coach, a wonderful person. I think of her often..

Lauren toevs - June 05 at 07:46 PM



“ I was in the very first class at EPCHS she ever taught. She was fresh from college and really knew how to build a team. She truly cared about her students. She developed a group of students that I was a member of. We were called Student Leaders and she directed us into many caring projects to help out fellow students. Every time I saw her after my graduation she always remembered me and we shared some laughs over the years. I believe she made me a better prson.

Mickie Reining - June 05 at 06:25 PM



“ I knew her as Miss Jones, and she was a WONDERFUL PE teacher. I had her during my years at EPCHS 1975-1979. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Cathy Hilton Jeffries - June 05 at 06:22 PM



“ Mary and Keil, So sorry to hear of Barb's passing. She was a very sweet lady, who tolerated me through my freshman year at EPCHS. I always remember the day we had to run the mile, I would say to her get a chair Miss Jones I'm walking. She will be missed, I think of her and Russ often as now our grandchildren are at EPCHS. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Kathy Kaps Neptun

