



Barbara Marie James

February 10, 1957 - January 10, 2021

Barbara (Griego) James of Visalia, California passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at the young age of 63. Barbara was born on February 10, 1957 in Anchorage, Alaska. She is preceded in death by her daughter Marie Johnson, parents David and Mary Griego, brother Don Griego and sister Rosanne Griego Kincaid.

Barbara retired from Visalia Unified School District in July, 2020 after 25 years of service. She was looking forward to traveling with her husband and spending time with her grandbabies.

She was loved by all and affectionately known as "Mama Barb" by so many. Barbara enjoyed spending time in Morro Bay, poolside with her husband, drinking wine with her daughter and being a Grammy, her favorite title to her grandchildren.

Barbara will be remembered for her unwavering strength and faith in the Lord. Her love for Him never faltered regardless of the struggles and obstacles she endured throughout her life. Even after her cancer diagnosis six months ago, her faith continued to grow stronger. She never complained or spoke negatively about her situation and always managed to share a warm smile and comforting words of reassurance that everything would be okay no matter the outcome.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Mark James, son Christopher Johnson and wife Blayne, grandsons Shepard and Seager, daughter Jennifer Johnson, sister Patricia Valerio and husband Leonard, brother David Griego, stepsons Jacob and Zachary James, granddaughter Emily and many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Although we are heartbroken, we take comfort in knowing we will see her again and we now have the most amazing guardian angel watching over us.

We would like to thank all of the Payer Warriors who prayed, checked in, and continue to be a source of comfort for her family.

Isaiah 41:10 "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."

Tribute Wall

LP

“ I lived next door to Barbara and Mark for the last several years. Barbara was such a beautiful and kind person. She always had a smile and an encouraging word to say to everyone. I will miss her so much. I loved chatting with her out in the front yard and seeing her with her grand babies...I know how much she loved her family and she loved God. I will pray for her family because I know they will miss her so much. Blessings, Leah Pratt

Leah Pratt - January 20, 2021 at 05:05 PM

LI

“ I'm so sorry and sad to hear of your loss! She was such an encouraging person for me when I handled some finances/budgets at Mountain View Elementary. She was always helpful, kind and patient. God bless each of you as you honor and celebrate her at her service.

Laurie Isaac - January 20, 2021 at 04:26 PM

VS

“ A very sweet lady, glad I had the chance to work with her. May you Rest In Peace.

Victor Stephens - January 20, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie James.



January 18, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie James.



January 15, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ I will always remember when we were children and all us cousins would spend Easter at my moms farm I remember asking my mom Are Barbara and Patsy coming? I'd get so excited if they did come Wed have fun playing hide n seek tag and many other childhood games It was always Barbara and Patsy as if you were just one Barb you are now gone looking down on us from heaven watching us One of your dreams was for all us cousins to get together again Pat let's do it for Barb Barb you will truly be missed

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Barbara you are now in the arms of Jesus smiling down from heaven. No more pain. God give comfort and strength to your family until you see them again. Hugs sent to heaven. Lloyd and Joyce Tapia

Joyce LaJeunesse-Tapia - January 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM



Barbara i was so blessed to get to know you. You have so much compassion and goodness inside your sweet little body. You are truly one of God's angels. My heart hurts for Mark, who i know loves you so much, and the rest of your precious family. May God give them comfort in his own way and peace in the memories you shared. Rest in his love my friend.

Vickie Burks - January 17, 2021 at 02:02 PM

DI

Barbara I prayed for a miracle but I think God had bigger plans for you. You are a beautiful strong woman and my heart goes out to Mark and your family and they are all in my prayers.

Diann - January 19, 2021 at 09:28 PM

TP

Barbara's faith and dedication was an inspiration to me. She lived her life as an example of one of the kindest, sweetest people I know. I know that God called you home early for a reason but you are so dearly missed my dear sister

Theresa Polich - January 20, 2021 at 02:35 PM

DC

I am so thankful for the 25 years that I was blessed to know and work with Barbara. She mentored me as a young principal whenever I had purchasing questions and needs. Her positivity and beautiful smile that she always shared was a special gift she shared with all of us. During the past 7 years working at the DO, I entered the office through the back door daily around 7:00 to be greeted by Barbara and starting my day with the blessing of her smile and friendship. She is a special gift from god.

Doug Cardoza

Doug Cardoza - January 21, 2021 at 12:46 AM