



## Barbara Lee Koch

October 9, 1937 - December 20, 2023

Barbara Lee Koch was born on October 9, 1937 in Porterville, California and passed away on December 20, 2023 in Visalia at the age of 86 years, from natural causes.

Barbara was her children's biggest fan attending all their sporting events and other activities while they were growing up. She never missed a chance to cheer them on throughout her life in whatever they endeavored to do. She always looked on the brighter side of things, choosing to see the good in everyone and never let anything change her cheery disposition. Barbara would always have a smile on her face and would prefer to laugh at every chance she could get. Her sense of humor touched all that she knew.

Her favorite things to do were to hike around Pinecrest Lake, overnight trips to the Central Coast and day trips to Three Rivers, CA. She was a member of the Church of Christ and attended congregations in Escalon, Turlock, Visalia, and Porterville.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Ray Slaight & Mariel Sunderland. Her late husband of 25 years Ben Henry Koch Jr. and sister Terry Curley.

Barbara is survived by her children Cindy Renee Felt (Jim) of Modesto, CA,

Steven Michael Koch (Karen) of Visalia, CA, Timothy Bryan Koch of Denair, CA, Donald Bryce Koch (Karen) of Yuba City, CA, 7 Grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren & 13 Great Grandchildren and her sister Ann Van Deventer of Visalia.

Memorial services will be held at the Salser & Dillard Funeral Home in Visalia, CA. on Saturday 1/6/2024 at 10AM.

Graveside service will be held at Burwood Cemetery on Monday 1/8/2024 at 11AM.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Graveside

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (PT)

Burwood Cemetery  
28320 E River Rd  
Escalon, CA 95320

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Lee Koch*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - January 05, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Barbara Lee Koch*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - January 05, 2024 at 02:20 PM

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“ *I became a friend to Barbara while she was in Delta Nursing and Rehab, as was my mother. She was so kind and funny. Loved her red hair! She was always looking for the sunshine to sit in. I have such fond memories of her. My sincere condolences to the family.*  
*Barbara Ludekens*

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**Barbara Ludekens** - January 07, 2024 at 07:26 PM