



Barbara Jean Brand

June 19, 1952 - January 18, 2013

Barbara Jean Brand passed away at home on January 18th, 2013 surrounded by family, friends, and under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Barb was born on June 19th, 1952 in Valley City, ND to Arlene and Douglas Larson. She grew up and attended school in Valley City. She graduated from Valley City High School in 1970 and from Valley City State University in 1974 with a degree in Education. After college she had various different jobs. One of which was a teaching job in Bird Island, MN where she met her husband Michael Brand. Barb and Mike were married on December 27, 1975. Together they made their home in Valley City, ND and had two children.

Barb was involved in many activities, but was especially fond of her homemakers group and the Lion's Club. She formed many special friendships and touched the lives of everyone she met. Barb never forgot a birthday or anniversary. She was known for her love of hallmark ornaments and sending cards to those she loved. The highlight of her life was the birth and time spent with her two grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years; Michael, West Fargo, ND; son, Matthew (Casey) Brand, Moorhead, MN; daughter, Andrea (Wade) Haugen, Grafton, ND; two very special grandchildren, Grady Haugen and Zoey Brand; parents, Douglas and Arlene Larson, Valley City, ND; siblings, Linda (Richard) Klein, Grand Forks, ND; Cindy (Kenny) DeWitt, Embden, ND; Alan (Janie) Larson, Valley City, ND; and Nancy (Dana) Noot, Marion, ND; and many nieces and nephews.

Barb's family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and well wishes that have poured in the last 2 ½ years of her battle with cancer.

In lieu of flowers family prefers memorials in honor of Barb to Roger Maris Cancer Center, Hospice of the Red River Valley, and Faith Lutheran Church – Valley City, ND.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
309 4th St NE
Valley City, ND

Service

JAN **23**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
309 4th St NE
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

GH

“ 13 years later and I still miss my dear friend Barb... How I loved walking home from highschool with her and Kalyn. And shared many 4-H experiences as well. Rest in peace with your beloved Mike... gerri Flatlie Harris

Gerri K Harris - March 11 at 04:29 AM

JJ

“ Jeanne Johnsen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Jeanne Johnsen - January 24, 2013 at 03:43 PM

CW

“ My deepest sympathies to Barb's family. Great lady!



Charlene Windish - January 24, 2013 at 12:40 PM

JL

“ Judy Larson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



judy larson - January 24, 2013 at 09:38 AM

CP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. What a battle she fought to stay with you as long as she could. She loved you so much and gave inspiration to many.

God bless,

Connie Peterson

Connie Peterson - January 23, 2013 at 05:22 PM

BS

“ *Beth Soland lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Beth Soland - January 23, 2013 at 03:01 PM

DF

“ *"It's Okay To Be Sad. It's Okay To Cry. It's Also Okay To Smile And Remember The Good Times." Thinking of you with Sympathy and Caring.*

Deb Feuerherm

Deb Feuerherm - January 23, 2013 at 01:50 PM

LS

“ *Lowell & Emmy Spitzer lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Lowell & Emmy Spitzer - January 23, 2013 at 10:57 AM

LS

Our condolences to Mike & family, we got to know the family through Mike- being our milk delivery guy...Barb was a wonderful woman & will be missed deeply by everyone who's lives she touched.

Lowell & Emmy Spitzer - January 23, 2013 at 11:00 AM

JP

we will lit a candle for Barb tonight. We will miss her and stay strong for her. she had a great family and she was a strong person. Jim and Diane Peterson

Jim and Diane Peterson - January 24, 2013 at 01:06 PM

CH

“ *Chris & Jan Helgesen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Chris & Jan Helgesen - January 23, 2013 at 09:39 AM

EP

“ It was my good fortune to know Barb for most of my life. I remember when she began work at Enterprise Sales for my Dad when she was a Junior in IHgh School. Even then, she was organized and efficient. My Dad thought she was tops. I particularly enjoyed knowing Barb during the years I worked in Valley City in the early '80s. She and Mike, that big smiling husband of hers, were in the early years of their lives together and were a joy to behold with their new house and kids coming along. I spent 30 years in various political campaigns but never had better friends or stronger supporters than Barb and Mike provided in my first scary races. Later, as they were active in the leadership opportunities of Lions, it was always fun to see them and observe their wonderful interactions with each other. I feel fortunate to have known Barb for so many years, but mourn her passing. She will be deeply missed and my prayers go out to Mike and the family.

Earl Pomeroy - January 22, 2013 at 05:12 PM

JS

“ Thoughts are with your family at this most difficult time.

Judy Flatlie Sambrano - January 22, 2013 at 04:49 PM

LF

“ My sympathies to Barbara's family and friends.

Liz Fick - January 22, 2013 at 11:20 AM

EM

“ Elise And John Miller lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Elise and John Miller - January 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

ES

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Barb's family. She will be missed.

Beth (Olson) & Bob Schlotman

Elizabeth Olson Schlotman - January 21, 2013 at 08:59 PM

KP

“ Thinking of you at this sad time. Know that there are a lot of us who will be here for your family whenever you need us.
Love Derek, Kelly, and Gabbey Pfingsten



Kelly Pfingsten - January 21, 2013 at 06:38 PM

NO

“ Nancy And Tim Ost lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Nancy and Tim Ost - January 21, 2013 at 05:21 PM

NO

We will miss Barb. Memories of homemakers get-to-gethers will be cherished. Love,
Nancy and Tim Ost

Nancy and Tim Ost - January 21, 2013 at 05:23 PM

SO

“ Steve And Gay Olson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Steve and Gay Olson - January 21, 2013 at 12:17 PM

DS

“ Diane & Gary Sommerfeld lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Diane & Gary Sommerfeld - January 21, 2013 at 12:06 PM

SH

“ We are so sorry for the loss of such a nice friend. Mike and family our thoughts and prayers are with you as they have been.
Scott and Miriam Hildre

Scott Hildre - January 21, 2013 at 10:43 AM

SB

“ *Sandy Brandvold lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Sandy Brandvold - January 21, 2013 at 08:45 AM

SP

“ *Sharon Prosby lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Sharon Prosby - January 21, 2013 at 08:30 AM

RK

“ *Ron And Elaine Kidd lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Ron and Elaine Kidd - January 21, 2013 at 07:57 AM

RL

“ *Rene Ludwig lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Rene Ludwig - January 20, 2013 at 09:28 PM

DM

“ *Dave & Beve Melgaard lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Dave & Beve Melgaard - January 20, 2013 at 07:54 PM

DM

We were deeply saddened to hear of Barb's death. I have many wonderful memories of our carpooling to Jamestown, especially getting stormed in at Eckelson. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Brand and Larson families--God bless all of you.

Dave & Beve Melgaard - January 20, 2013 at 07:57 PM

JM

“ I have many great childhood memories from growing up next to you. Barb's cookies and various other treats were a highlite on a hot summer day. And let's not forget the slip and slide. Cherish the memories. May they bring you comfort in the days ahead.

Julie (Sand)May

Julie May - January 20, 2013 at 06:58 PM

JN

“ J Dennis Nelson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



j dennis nelson - January 20, 2013 at 06:31 PM

JN

God Bless the Larson and the Brand families at this time. We have periwinkles growing wild in the back yard Dennis

j dennis nelson - January 20, 2013 at 06:34 PM

RK

“ Robin Knutson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Robin Knutson - January 20, 2013 at 05:30 PM

RK

Our trip last August will be a treasured memory for me. Barb, you are dearly loved and will be missed by many!

Robin Knutson - January 20, 2013 at 05:33 PM

JS

“ *Joan Studebaker lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Joan Studebaker - January 20, 2013 at 05:03 PM

JS

Thinking of the family of Barbara at this sad time.

Joan Studebaker - January 20, 2013 at 05:04 PM

LH

“ *To the Larson and Brandt families, my sympathies and prayers are with you. Lynn Hill*



Lynn Hill - January 20, 2013 at 04:08 PM

LL

“ *LaVonne E. Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



LaVonne E. Lawrence - January 20, 2013 at 12:55 PM

KG

“ *Ken And Doreen Gordon lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Ken and Doreen Gordon - January 20, 2013 at 10:59 AM

KG

Our deepest sympathy to you all. She will be missed.

Ken and Doreen Gordon - January 20, 2013 at 11:00 AM

LH

“ *Lenora Hansen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



lenora hansen - January 20, 2013 at 09:50 AM

LH

my deepest sympathies

lenora hansen - January 20, 2013 at 09:53 AM

LW

“ *Lee Webster lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Lee Webster - January 20, 2013 at 09:30 AM

DM

“ *Don & Pat Malec lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Don & Pat Malec - January 20, 2013 at 07:56 AM

LK

“ *Barb's life was lived with grace, courage and faithfulness. I will treasure her memory forever.*

Linda Kraft - January 20, 2013 at 06:46 AM

JH

“ *Jim & Paula Heinze lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Jim & Paula Heinze - January 20, 2013 at 03:06 AM

JH

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“ Rob Carla Lein lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Rob Carla Lein - January 19, 2013 at 11:26 PM

NS

“ Nancy Sorensen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Nancy Sorensen - January 19, 2013 at 11:01 PM

SF

“ Sandi Mielke And Family lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Sandi Mielke and Family - January 19, 2013 at 10:13 PM

GH

“ Gerri And Dale Harris lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



gerri and dale harris - January 19, 2013 at 08:50 PM

GH

I will always treasure the years of walking to (& from) school together, Barb, Kalyn & I!! Summer and winter (Yes we walked that mile or 2) and enjoyed so much our time together, supporting each other, learning from each other, and solving problems and dreaming of so many things. Then our 4-H years and projects... Yes, Barb was the practical, organized one, Kalyn the dreamer and instigator, and I was somewhere inbetween. So glad we have kept in touch over the years, and so sad, but relieved that Barb's pain is over. Love You girlfriend! gerri flatlie harris

gerri harris - January 23, 2013 at 09:33 AM

GH

“ Gerri & Wayne Hammond lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Gerri & Wayne Hammond - January 19, 2013 at 08:40 PM

BS

“ Bill & Sue lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Bill & Sue - January 19, 2013 at 08:13 PM

HS

“ Heather Schwehr lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Heather Schwehr - January 19, 2013 at 07:59 PM

SF

“ Sue And Bruce Waletich And Family lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand



Sue and Bruce Waletich and family - January 19, 2013 at 07:47 PM

CI

“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Cindy - January 19, 2013 at 07:10 PM

CF

“ *Cheryl And Kim Foell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Cheryl and Kim Foell - January 19, 2013 at 06:51 PM

CF

We have so many precious memories of Barb and the Brand family. She was a friend we will greatly miss. She taught us about courage, grace and dignity in her fight against cancer.

Cheryl Foell - January 20, 2013 at 06:35 PM

AH

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Andrea Haugen - January 19, 2013 at 02:30 PM

GH

The love of a mother and grandmother is FOREVER! My heart is with u! gerri harris

gerri and dale harris - January 19, 2013 at 08:54 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Carbno lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Kathy Carbno - January 19, 2013 at 06:57 AM

KT

“ *Katherine And Doug Tweed lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Brand*



Katherine and Doug Tweed - January 18, 2013 at 07:54 PM

DJ

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Barb was a very special person.*

Vern & Doris Jewett

Doris Jewett - January 18, 2013 at 07:04 PM