



## Barbara L Hamilton

November 21, 1934 - March 13, 2020

The Hamilton family matriarch Barbara L. Hamilton, surrounded by her family, passed away Friday, February 13, 2020 at the age of 85. Barbara was born November 21, 1934 in Ferndale WA. She was the oldest of five children born to Louis and Colina Bayer.

Barbara and James moved to Moses Lake in 1962 with their sons Craig and Michael. James worked for the Moses Lake Fire Department and she worked for the Moses Lake School district as a bus driver for many years. The years of driving the school bus were her fondest memories. She spoke often of all her kids (those who rode on her bus) and how she loved seeing them all grow up during her years driving and after. She also spoke often about her driving her bus to Mission Ridge ski slope in the winter and the fun but scary times driving. After her retirement from the School district she worked in the various restaurants owned by her son, Michael (Mike) where she helped Mike with every part of the daily operations, including hostessing, cooking, managing the staff and so much more. She was admired by all those who passed through the restaurants over the years and she was affectionately called "Grandma" by all.

Barbara and James were members of the Moses Lake yacht club where they

made many lifelong friends, and enjoyed years of fun and adventure in the San Juan Islands, Lake Roosevelt and Lake Chelan. Barbara was also a member of the Women's auxiliary for the Moses Lake Fire Department where she helped organize activities, supported the community, and where she and James made friendships they enjoyed for the rest of their lives.

After Jim's retirement, Barb and Jim wintered in Arizona for several years, meeting lots of new friends and enjoying the winters in the warm weather.

Our matriarch, Barbara will be remembered in our hearts forever and by all who knew her for her warm and welcoming smile, her incredible sense of humor, keen sense of adventure, her unwavering support for her family and friends and her ability to look at every situation with an incredibly positive attitude. She made us all stronger, better and happier for loving her and knowing her. She will be eternally missed.

Barbara is survived by her siblings Bill Bayer, Ferndale WA, John Bayer, Ferndale WA, Darlene Bayer, Spokane WA and Bob Bayer, Moses Lake WA. her son, Michael W. Hamilton and his wife, Krista Hamilton; grandsons, Jordan M. Hamilton, Derek Hamilton, H. Taylor Hamilton, and great grandchildren, Baylee Hamilton, Harlee Hamilton and Kinlee Hamilton Barbara was preceded in death by her husband James A. Hamilton, her parents and her son Craig Hamilton.

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Hamilton family - I was James & Barbara's nurse for a long time - I always told Barbara that she reminded me of my mother who I lost in 2003. I have very special memories with them both . My blessings to all of you ~ Theresa McGhuey*

Theresa McGhuey - March 31, 2020 at 02:16 AM

RW

“ *Too many good memories, Barbara was Joan,s best friend and now they are back together along with Jim. I send my condolences and the best to all the family.*  
*Ray Warren*

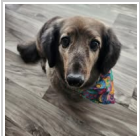
Ray Warren - March 25, 2020 at 02:09 PM

MK

“ *To: The Hamilton Family, My heart aches for all of you in your loss of such a beautiful lady. She was a friend to all who knew her. Barb and her husband, Jim, were truly icons in our community. I just wish Heaven had Visiting Hours. Your friend, Mary Kile*



Mary Kile - March 23, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *Condolences to the family. You were truly blessed to have this lovely lady in your lives, as were so many others. Prayers...*

*Vic and Leanne Bunn*

Leanne Bunn - March 23, 2020 at 12:03 AM

TL

“ I miss this special lady that always had a smile on her face and always greeted me with love and laughter. She always had something witty to say and she just made my day. My thoughts and prayers are with her wonderful family and friends. May God bless you all. I love you Barb 🌹🌸🕊️

Tina Lambert - March 21, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JJ

“ Jolene Justice lit a candle in memory of Barbara L Hamilton



Jolene Justice - March 21, 2020 at 03:24 AM

SB

“ Every time we saw or talked to Barbara, our day just became brighter. She always brought a smile and a warm that made our lives richer. Our love, prayers are with each of you, her awesome family. ❤️🙏 Skip & Gale Bennett

Skip & Gale Bennett - March 20, 2020 at 04:52 PM

CK

“ To the Hamilton family; Barbara was a beautiful person, absolutely radiant, spirited, energetic, warm & caring. She always was appreciative of the small joys of life, and incredibly inspirational!! Barbara was a wonderful person, and always smiling!! She loved her family, bragged about all of you. It was a privilege to know her, during her earthly life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cathy & Paul Kersey

Cathy Kersey - March 20, 2020 at 04:28 PM

SB

“ I was so blessed to know Barbara. She was a bright spot in my day. She will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Samantha Bradley** - March 19, 2020 at 10:33 PM

DM

“ Mike and family ... I have so many fond memories of Barb especially back in the A&W days. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers ..

*Darla Ruffin Mast*

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**Darla Mast** - March 19, 2020 at 06:46 PM

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“ Mike, Krista, Jordan and all - I was so honored to know Barb - she was the sweetest, most loving person. Always a kind word and smile. Her greatest tribute is her family that she raised.  
*Larry & Katie Rigsby*

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**Larry & Katie Rigsby** - March 18, 2020 at 11:28 AM