



## Barbara Ann Schonewald

October 26, 1947 - October 16, 2024

Barbara Ann Schonewald of Moses Lake, WA, passed onto Heaven on October 16, 2024, following a valiant battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family who had cared for her for many months.

Barb was born October 26, 1947, in Yakima, WA to W. Grant Harris and L. Barbara (Peggy) Harris. The family moved to Moses Lake in 1952 during the height of the Columbia Basin Project. She graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1966. Throughout her life she remained close friends with many classmates, especially the Chicks of '66.

While attending Big Bend Community College, she met Patrick Davis of the Royal Slope. They married in 1967. While Patrick was deployed to Vietnam, she lived with family and worked at Jack's Bargain Barn. While stationed at Fort Lewis, they welcomed daughter, Heather, in 1972. Following a divorce, Barb returned to Moses Lake. She worked at the Hallmark Inn, Swartz Electric, Marchand Construction, Samaritan Hospital, and Columbia Colstor. While working for Brown & Root USA, she met Doug Schonewald. They married in 1989 and blended their families with the addition of Doug's three children, Aaron, Ben, and Cara.

Barb was a natural caretaker and the first to offer if she knew someone was in need. She had a loving and generous heart. She loved being in nature,

especially camping by the ocean and the St. Joe River, and birding with Doug and friends. She was a gifted cook and hostess. Visitors were always greeted with an offer of something to eat or drink. She was a devout grandmother who often traveled long distances to be with her grandchildren for holidays and special events. Barb loved classic movies, reading, and studying her Bible. On a warm morning, she could be found on her patio with a book and coffee, enjoying her lovely flower garden, and pets by her side.

For many years, she shared her beautiful voice with the First Presbyterian Choir. Most recently, she served on the MLHS Alumni Association Scholarship Program Committee and was a Mentor Mom for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) until she was too ill to continue. She cherished her time serving in these capacities.

Barb was predeceased by her parents and her older brother, Jim Harris. She is survived by her loving husband Doug Schonewald of Moses Lake; daughter Heather (Don) Zaraski of Graham, WA; stepchildren Aaron (Michelle) Schonewald of Royal City, WA; Ben (Katie) Schonewald of Brigham City, UT; and Cara (Benjamin) Espinoza of Fresno, CA. She is also survived by her brother Dick (Eloise) Harris of Villa Park, CA, and sister Nancy Harris (the late Ron Neal), Spokane Valley, WA.; and her cherished 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held November 8, 2024, at 2:00PM at the Moses Lake Presbyterian Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your local MOPS Group, quilting guild, or scholarship fund.

Barb was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, auntie, and friend. She will be deeply missed by all.



# Cemetery Details

## Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne  
Moses Lake, WA

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church  
1142 W. Ivy  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ I was able to meet and serve with Barb through The First Presbyterian Church. She always had a smile and a kind word to share. She definitely will be missed.

Kathryn Kast - October 26, 2024 at 05:00 AM

RD

“ Rest in peace my friend. I'll miss our visits.

Ruth Dasch - October 23, 2024 at 12:30 PM

MC

“ Barb was a classmate of mine. She was a wonderful person. I enjoyed seeing / talking with her at each of the many MLHS class reunions over the years. She will be missed.

Mike Chase - October 23, 2024 at 10:40 AM

DH

“ Denise Hancock lit a candle in memory of Barbara Schonewald



Denise Hancock - October 22, 2024 at 05:05 PM

DH

“ I have known Barb since I was a little girl, her sister Nancy babysat myself and my sisters. When I reached babysitting age, I babysat Barb's daughter Heather. We were neighborhood neighbors for years.

*Rest Well Barb until we meet again*

*Denise (Hauff) Hancock*

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**Denise Hancock** - October 22, 2024 at 05:05 PM

PS

“ My forever friend, from before I can even remember. She told me that I showed her the way to school as we walked to kindergarten together with Thom West 🥺💔💔💔

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**Pam Sumner** - October 22, 2024 at 09:17 AM

TS

“ She will live on in my heart❤️

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**Terry Skeesick** - October 21, 2024 at 04:58 PM

GM

*Doug and family, very sorry to see of Barb's passing. You will be in our prayers.*

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**Gib Mathias** - October 26, 2024 at 05:32 PM

SP

*She was a wonderful lady to work with on the Alumni scholarship committee. We miss her.*

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**Shirley Pryor** - October 31, 2024 at 11:16 AM