



Barbara E. Herring

October 13, 2008

Barbara E, Herring, 62, died unexpectedly at her home on Monday, October 13, 2008. Barbara was born in Denver, CO, and moved to Toledo as a teenager, finishing high school at Sylvania High School. She attended The Ohio State University and upon graduation taught junior and senior high English in the Springfield schools for 14 years. Barb attended the University of Toledo School of Law, graduating cum laude in 1984, where she was Executive Editor of the Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. She began her legal career at the firm of Cooper and Walinski, where she attained the position of partner. Barb then joined the City of Toledo Law Department in 1991, and advanced to become the City's first female Law Director in 1998. Barb was recognized as a strong leader who displayed great integrity in the face of often challenging circumstances. Barb retired from the Law Department in January, 2006, devoting herself to Dave, the love of her life, her two special sons, David and Nathan, and her beautiful grandchildren. Among her many community activities were the Juvenile Court's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, St. Paul's Community Center Board of Directors, Board of Trustees Toledo Legal Aid Society, 2005 President of the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association and Lector at Blessed Sacrament Parish, where she also participated in her special Small Faith Group. In addition to her many community contributions, she also received the 1997 Outstanding Woman of the Year Award for Fairness and Justice in City Government from the City of Toledo Affirmative

Action department. ? Barb was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Martha White, and her nephew Josh Herring.? She is survived by her husband of 43 years, David Herring, sons, David (Tina) and Nathan (Nicki), and her beloved grandchildren Emily, Jacob, Aidan, Carter, and Liam.? Also surviving are brother John (Lynn) White, sister Carol (Donald) Gildemeister, in-laws William and Evelyn Herring, Judith (David) Herring-Orlich, Mark (Dawn) Herring, Lisa (John) Heinrich, nieces and nephews Sarah, Gretchen, Mark, Heather, Matthew, Jonathan, Alex, and Joseph, and great nieces and nephews Alexandra, Madison, Samantha and Maya, Ewen, and Eli. ? Barb will always be remembered for her generous, loving, and caring relationships with others. ?She will be sadly missed by her family and many good friends, especially Mary Smith and her daughter Rebecca. ? Visitation for Barb will be at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43613, (419-472-7633) on Thursday, October 16 from 4pm - 8pm with a Rosary Service at 7pm and Friday, October 17 from 2pm - 8pm with a Scripture Service at 7pm.? The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 am Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4227 Bellevue Rd.? In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the American Heart Association, St. Paul's Community Center of Toledo, National Parkinson's Association, or 4 Paws Sake of Toledo. ?

Tribute Wall



“ Quietly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave. I know. But I do not approve. And I am not resigned. Edna St. Vincent Millay Dave, David, and Nathan, Your English teacher turned lawyer wife and mother was a brilliant and wonderfully fun person who richly blessed my life by her friendship. Words are inadequate to express how much she meant to me and how greatly her loss will be felt. You are in my prayers. Love, Mary Fred

February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Let us endeavour so to live that When we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.-MARK TWAIN We are sure that is the way Barb lived.

Ed & Barb Yosses - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David and Boys, I was very saddened when I saw in the Blade about Barbs passing. I have many fond memories of her as a friend and as a teacher at S.J.H.S. Her smile and cheery disposition would light up any room she entered. Please accept my most sincere sympathy. Take Care and God Bless You. Sincerely, Fred Dais

fred Dais - fdais@cn.edu fdais@cn.edu - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear Nate and Nikki, I am so, so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was such a lovely woman and will be missed by many. I am sorry for the grief that you are all feeling and wish I had words to make it better. Please know that I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers and your Mom in my heart always.... Sincerely Jule Frechette

Jule Frechette - jfrechette@partners.org jfrechette@partners.org - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Working with Barb was a pleasure and a privilege; I'll never forget her enthusiasm and her wise counsel. She was a great mentor and her family was the delight of her life. I'll also never forget our laughter about her "Antiques Roadshow" experience! I'm a better person for having known Barb - my prayers are with her family.

Donna M. Barnes - donna.barnes@toledo.oh.gov donna.barnes@toledo.oh.gov - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dear Nate and Niki and family, I was so very saddened to hear of your loss. I have neither the words nor the wisdom to convey my feelings or to ease your grief--please simply know that you have friends lifting you up in prayer during this difficult time.

Mike and Sandra Gentry - gentryme@comcast.net gentryme@comcast.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Dear Dave and Family: It was truly an honor and privilege to serve as Barb's secretary at the City of Toledo. My life has been enriched by knowing this special lady, who possessed such intelligence, integrity, and love of family. Please know all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Doris Dvorack - doris.dvorack@toledo.oh.gov doris.dvorack@toledo.oh.gov - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say. But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness; Here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through. God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you. It's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, They'll be here later on. There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man." God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years. Because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry: it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. If I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; But together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too; That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain; Then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain." And now I am contented....that my life was worthwhile. Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low; Just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street and you've got Me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go....from that body to be free. Remember you're not going.....you're coming here to Me.

Kelly Bejaige - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Dave and family, My heart goes out to all of you at this sad time in your lives. Barb was a very special lady, always so friendly and caring. Please know my prayers are for you as you celebrate her life, by her touching so many other lives. God Bless, Arlene Brocksmith, Peoria, IL

Arlene Brocksmith - albrocksmith@hotmail.com albrocksmith@hotmail.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Once you meet someone, your life will never be the same. Barbara Herring was one of the staff members instrumental in hiring me. Her calm composure and caring personality made me feel at ease during the interview. Those traits she imparted will always be a part of me. She also left a legacy to the City of Toledo as the first female Director of Law, and I am proud to have known her. I send many prayers of strength to the family.

Barbara Richardson - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

YY

“ Even though, we moved away almost two years ago, my heart continues to hear your voice of reason and intellect. It was an honor to be the first African-American attorney to work under your tutelage in the law department. Your wittiness, your intellect, your love for the law and for your family will forever be remembered. Dave, although I cannot be there, we will be with you and your family in spirit. Just know my prayers, John's and the boys are with you all. Love, the Harris Family.

Yulanda McCarty-Harris - ymccharris@yahoo.com ymccharris@yahoo.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Barb's death. She was a terrific person. You have my deepest sympathy. Bob Young

Bob Young - robertgreggyoung@verizon.net robertgreggyoung@verizon.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ my deepest sympathies to the family. I was a former student in the 70's. She was a very good teacher and i learned a lot

Robert Wilt - bobe332002@yahoo.com bobe332002@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I was unaware of Barb's death until today, and am saddened that I therefore did not pay tribute to her life in person last week. Barb was an excellent Law Director for the City of Toledo, and I admired her legal skill and poise, as well as her sense of humor, in the many dealings with her that I had over the years. Please accept my condolences for the loss of a very high quality attorney and human being. Sincerely, Sheilah McAdams Law Director-City of Maumee

Sheilah McAdams - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ To Dave and family- I am so sorry to hear about Barb. We have not seen each other for many years but I have such fond memories of Barb. She & I graduated together from Sylvania High School. Then we were college roommates for 2 years at OSU!! Really fun times together!! She was such a bright and friendly person! May God bless-- Anita

Anita Anthony Hogg watkins - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Dave and family, I am so sorry to hear about Barb. We have not seen each other for quite a while but I have very fond memories of her. She & I graduated from Sylvania High School in 1963. Then she & I were roommates at OSU for 2 years. She was such a bright and friendly person! We had a lot of fun together. She will be sadly missed. May God Bless--

Anita Anthony Hogg Watkins - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM