



With deepest sympathy

In hope of eternal life,
which God, that cannot lie,
promised before the
world began. Titus 1:2

*It is with a heavy heart that we
announce the death of our dear friend BARBRA BASSETT.
She suddenly passed away on Saturday March 23, 2019. RIP
MY FRIEND*



*Barbara Loraine Bassett
29 Dec 1935 - 23 Mar 2019
Loving Sister & Aunt
Forever Loved, Forever Missed*

More photos online:
<https://tinyurl.com/y4uqmtgz>

Barbara was born in Pasadena California, the first child of Charles Harold Bassett and Sarah Gertrude 'Sally' Jones. Next was sister Margaret Ruth (23 May 1938-1 Jan 2007), and lastly, brother David Lee, born in 1945. She graduated 10th grade from Washington Jr High in 1951, 12th grade from John Muir Jr College in 1953 and 14th grade from Pasadena City College two years later. She started with a major in commercial art, minor in business, then switched the two, majoring in business when she received her Associate in Arts degree.

During and after college, she worked at Ralph's Florist, across the street from PCC. About 1961 she went to work for Helen Smith (a clothing store), for a couple years before starting her real career. Allstate hired her in May 1963, and she retired as Senior Customer Service Representative in Sept 1991, all but her first year, with perfect attendance.

Even while working, Barbara enjoyed volunteering. Quoting from a bio when she was volunteer of the month:

Barbara was first introduced to the Pasadena Senior Center in the 1980s, when she used to accompany her mom to events here. Despite liking what the Center offered and feeling immediately at home here, she couldn't join because she wasn't yet 50 years old! As soon as she hit that landmark birthday, she became a member.

After several years of enjoying the benefits of membership, Barbara became even more involved with the Center by becoming a volunteer. It was 1991, and she was recruited to work the Coffee Bar by longtime-staff member, the late Cynthia Rosedale. Since that time, Barbara expanded her volunteerism to include Social Services, Senior Games, Welcome Desk, Senior Lunch Program and Master's Series. For many years, it was not unusual for her to clock more than 1,000 volunteer hours a year, making her one of the longest-tenured and most active volunteers in the Center's history. Her pleasant personality and ability to remember member's names has earned her many friends over the decades.

After volunteering full time for most of her years at the Center, she gradually decreased her hours once she hit her 80's. Most recently, she volunteered 2 days a week.. She was talking about going to one day, when she broke her leg. Her broken leg led to knee replacement surgery, and subsequently, a heart attack.

When not volunteering at the Center, Barbara's life included two other loves; cruising and the DAR. For several years, Barbara talked about joining the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and finally in 2014 joined Pasadena's Martin Severance Chapter. She chose her 3rd great grandfather William Covey as her Patriot. Subsequently, she became an Associate member with several chapters in other locations.

Barbara's first known cruise was to Mexico in 1989. Most of her cruises were with the Princess Cruise line. She returned to Mexico in 1995, and starting in 2002, she went on a cruise every year. More recently she was taking 2 or 3 cruises a year. She traveled to places such as the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, Hawaii, Alaska, Vancouver, and more trips to Mexico.

Other activities she enjoyed included being a member of the Elks Emblem Club (the ladies auxiliary), and trips to Las Vegas for the annual get-together of the Liberace Fan Club.

Besides brother David and his wife Kathryn, Barbara leaves beloved nephew Matthew, his wife Amy, and their children Zack and Adrielle (to whom she was "Aunt Boo-Boo").

