



Barbara Xen Oden

April 27, 1953 - March 12, 2013

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Barbara Xen Oden, age 59, of Austin, Texas, died peacefully in her sleep on March 12, 2013. She was born in Lubbock on April 27, 1953. She is the daughter of the late Bill and Xen Oden of Lubbock.

Barbara graduated from Coronado High School in 1971. She attended Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, where she was a member of the downhill ski team. She then attended college in Osaka, Japan.

After returning from Japan, she moved to Austin. She worked at the General Land Office in Austin. Later, she was an executive for a telecommunications company. She later became a political consultant, and was active in many Democratic Party campaigns, both in Austin and on the national level. She had a commercial pilot's license.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Xen Oden. She is survived by her siblings, David Oden and Sarah Oden Montgomery, both of Richardson, Texas. She is also survived by her five nephews: John Oden, Eric Oden, and Clay Oden (the sons of David Oden and his wife Bonnie Oden), and Matt Montgomery and Will Montgomery (the sons of Sarah Montgomery).

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m., April 6, 2013, at Sanders Funeral Home, 1420 Main Street, Lubbock, Texas. Following the memorial service, Barbara will be buried near her parents in the Lubbock City Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 East 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill and Xen were old friends whom we remember fondly: we are sorry to learn of Barbara's death. Our sympathy to the family.*
George and Francie Lowe

George and Frances Lowe - April 09, 2013 at 09:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Xen Oden.*



April 05, 2013 at 12:42 PM

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“ *David, Bonnie, John, Eric, Clay, Erin, Sarah, and April purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara Xen Oden.*



David, Bonnie, John, Eric, Clay, Erin, Sarah, and April - April 05, 2013 at 08:03 AM

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“ When I was 11 years old, we moved in with the Oden family because my father died. I remember so admiring Barbara, my cousin, because I thought she was so pretty and popular. I tried to be like her. She was a ballerina; I tried on her tutus and tried to be a ballerina. She was bold and confident; I was not. I even went so far as to buy the same dress she had bought at Neimans, much to her dismay, I'm sure. I just loved being close to her. Our families spent holidays and vacations together, always going to Ruidosa every summer. I just remember it all as a time of great fun!

Over the years, we have gone off to college and off to our separate ventures. The years have passed, and we did not do a very good job of keeping up with each other that I have seen her a couple times over the last few years. I just wish I would have reached out more. Sweet Barbara, rest in peace and we'll catch up in eternity.

Your cousin, Lori Kerr

Lori Kerr - April 04, 2013 at 09:05 AM