



Janett Lynn Barren

August 25, 1955 - July 20, 2015

Janett Barren passed away Monday, July 20, 2015, at home, with her family by her side.

Janett Lynn Kessey was born in Anchorage, AK, on August 25, 1955, to Alton B. and Marjorie June (Pembroke) Kessey. She lived in Alaska, Texas and Montana before her father, USAF M.Sgt. Kessey, died in a plane crash in September, 1961. Her mother moved to her hometown of Greenfield, IL, where Janett and her sister were raised.

Janett graduated from Greenfield High School in 1973, and then attended Blackburn College in Carlinville, IL. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Southern Illinois University and completed her Master's Degree and Specialist Degree from West Georgia College. She was a special education teacher for 31 years at Western Elementary in the Coweta County School System before retiring in 2013.

She married John M. Barren on May 28, 1977, at the First Baptist Church in Greenfield, IL, and they have one son, Zachary Alton Barren.

Janett had a lifelong love of animals and was passionate about horses from an early age. She raised and showed Appaloosas and had won multiple national and world titles.

She is survived by her husband, John Barren, and son, Zach Barren, both of Newnan; a sister, Denise Kessey of Zephyrhills, FL; mother-in-law Meg Barren of Grosse Pointe Shores, MI; and extended family.

She was predeceased by her parents, Alton and June Kessey, her

grandparents, Willard and Ola Jane Pembroke, Floyd Kessey and Marie Kessey Bowen, and her step-grandfather, Willard Bowen.

A family service was held at the home earlier this week. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Dearest John, just a wish or two let you and your family know that Janet will be missed. I have many wonderful memories of her through so many of past being neighbors. I will never forget watching your son grow into man through the years, another great story that comes to mind is one of the times I found one of her horses grazing in our front yard. thought to myself no big deal i'll just get a rope and tight it around the horses neck and keep him save till one of you got home. Lord have mercy the closer I got to that horse the bigger he became. I changed that thought quickly, i call janet at work, whew what a relief it was. this is such a difficult time, always know that you have friends across the street that think the the world of you. with our deepest sympathy Jim & Kathy

JIM AND KATHY WITCHER - July 28, 2015 at 01:06 PM

SN

“ Zack and John. I am so very sorry for your loss. I taught with Janett at Western the entire time she was there and of course I had the pleasure of teaching you, Zack and I also remember when you were born. She was a very proud mother. I enjoyed her stories of her many accomplishments with her beloved horses, especially HOUDINI. This picture of made me smile and remember the wonderful person she was. My heartfelt sympathies go out to you. My thoughts and prayers are with you for these difficult days ahead.

Sue Nolen - July 24, 2015 at 06:52 PM

JK

“ I taught special ed with Janett at Western several years ago. I learned so much from her! My prayers are with her family and friends.

Joy Knight - July 23, 2015 at 12:42 PM

RB

“ As a former Western student who returned to teach there years later, I knew Janett in two capacities. She was an amazing teacher, colleague, and friend. She told me when I moved from teaching 4th grade to 1st grade, "Rebecca, I don't know how you are going to handle it. I just don't think the little guys will get you." I appreciated her honesty and will miss her smiling face. John and Zach, I am so sorry for your loss, but keep the wonderful memories of her in your heart and her smile will forever be remembered at Western.

Rebecca Bowman - July 23, 2015 at 12:24 PM

SW

“ I had the opportunity of sub teaching at Western and met Janett at lunch a few times. She was one of the nicest ladies I have ever met and I could tell how much she enjoyed teaching just from our few encounters at lunch time. God bless all of your family at this time. I am praying for all of you.

Susan Weegar - July 23, 2015 at 11:03 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss, and you are in my prayers. Janett was an excellent teacher and kind person. She will be missed.

June Campbell - July 23, 2015 at 10:45 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Barren was my sister's special education teacher at Western Elementary years ago. I remember how very kind she was to my sister and always had a genuine concern for her students. She was a very special lady. My prayers are with you during this time.

Kathy Newman Sewell - July 23, 2015 at 08:24 AM

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“ *John & Zach, we are keeping you in our prayers. Janet was such a wonderful, kind hearted person. We were blessed to have known her.*

Elizabeth & Sarah Novak - July 23, 2015 at 07:50 AM