



## Barbara Sue Heckathorn

December 29, 1942 - April 30, 2013

Barbara Sue Heckathorn, daughter of the late Arthur “Red” and Helen R. (Thompson) Weber, was born December 29, 1942 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana where she grew up and graduated from Goshen High School.

After graduation, Barbara worked as an optometrist in Goshen, Indiana and then moved to Nappanee where she worked as an executive assistant for Fairmont Mobile Home. Barbara’s grandfather owned and operated a bowling alley and lounge, and while there, Barbara met the love of her life, Gary Robert Heckathorn who was serving in the military.

Gary was deployed to Korea and when he returned they were united in marriage on December 16, 1977 in Nappanee, Indiana. They shared over 35 years of marriage together and were blessed with two sons: Michael and Greg.

Barbara and the family moved to Fort Leonard Wood and she worked for AAFES on Fort Leonard Wood for a time. She then worked for Lynch’s Furniture and drove a school bus. Most people remember her working as a dispatcher for Richland, St. Robert, and Waynesville Police Departments and also for the Pulaski County Sheriff’s Department. She was known for her quick smile and kindness.

In her spare time, Barbara enjoyed sewing and sending emails to family members to keep in touch. In recent years, Barbara discovered Facebook and spent many hours on her computer writing on her friends and families Facebook pages.

Barbara passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in the Phelps County Regional Medical Center of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 70 years, 4 months and 1 day. She will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved her.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Gary Heckathorn of Waynesville; two children: Michael Heckathorn & wife, Dianne, of Midland, GA and Greg Heckathorn and wife, Shannon, of Black River, NY; seven grandchildren: Jeremy & Matthew Heckathorn, Brian and Billy Hawkins, Quentin Lamb, Kieran Feurtado and Cassidy Heckathorn; two great grandchildren: Angellina Passarelli and Santino Hawkins; two brothers: Steven & Ralph Weber; step-mother: Carolyn Weber; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 3, 2013 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. The songs "In the Garden" by Brad Paisley, "Baby I Go Crazy" by Josh Turner and "My Everything" by Marty Haggard were played. Serving as escorts were Michael, Greg, Jeremy, Matthew and Kenneth Heckathorn and Steven Weber.

Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Fort Leonard Wood. Serving as cemetery escorts were the Waynesville and St. Robert Police Departments. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in memory of Barbara Heckathorn to the Phelps County Medical Center Transportation and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

## Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barbara Sue Heckathorn*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *In Berlin, Germany a candle will be lit tonight.  
I am so sorry for your loss.  
J.*



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**Julia** - December 06, 2013 at 03:51 AM



“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara Sue Heckathorn*



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**SARA JONES** - October 12, 2013 at 03:51 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn



Pamela Cox - May 14, 2013 at 07:24 PM

RG

“ Rick Graham lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn



Rick Graham - May 07, 2013 at 07:03 PM



Barbara will truly be missed. And will always be remembered for the kind gentle soul she was. Always friendly and nice. Heaven got a reward when she came home. Of that I am sure.

Rick Graham - May 07, 2013 at 07:04 PM

GB

“ Gary Brankel lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn



Gary Brankel - May 05, 2013 at 05:31 PM

MM

“ *Michael Myers lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn*



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**Michael Myers** - May 05, 2013 at 02:41 PM

KJ

“ *Ken Jones lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn*



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**Ken Jones** - May 03, 2013 at 11:41 AM

KJ

*Sorry for your loss my prayers and thoughts are with the family.*

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**Ken Jones** - May 03, 2013 at 11:50 AM

RM

“ *Ryan & Melissa lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn*



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**Ryan & Melissa** - May 03, 2013 at 08:50 AM

PF

“ PAULA FORREST lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara Sue Heckathorn



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**PAULA FORREST** - May 03, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RR

“ Rex & Rita lit a candle in memory of Barbara  
Sue Heckathorn



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**Rex & Rita** - May 02, 2013 at 08:30 PM

JG

“ Janis Graves lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara Sue Heckathorn



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**Janis Graves** - May 02, 2013 at 06:49 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Barbara  
Sue Heckathorn



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**Pamela Cox** - May 02, 2013 at 04:34 PM

CZ

“ I met Barbara when I was really young. My mom helped Gary with the shelter and I used to go up there as much as possible. She was a really great woman and it's so sad to know she's gone.



Cindy Zielinski - May 02, 2013 at 02:29 PM

DG

“ I got to know Barbara through our boys, Greg and Micah. She and I once rode together to Jefferson City to a wrestling tournament. I remember how proud she was of Greg. She told me the story of the miracle of his birth, how doctors would have ended his life before he was born. She was a tenacious and loving mother and would not give up on her hope that she was carrying a baby whose life mattered. And then came Greg....  
I am praying for your family. God bless you and give you His peace.  
Debbie Groseclose (a.k.a. Mother Goose) and family

Debbie Groseclose - May 02, 2013 at 02:26 PM

TZ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Gary and your family as well. Both of you have been a very important part of our families lives and have done so much for us and so many others. I miss both of you and wish I could be there.



Tom and Tracey Zielinski - May 02, 2013 at 01:49 PM

AN

“ I first met Barb when the boys were in the Boy Scouts. What a wonderful asset she was to scouting. Gary, Greg, and Michael, my heart goes out to you. God be with you and your memories.

*Adele Nickels and Family*

Adele Nickels - May 02, 2013 at 12:58 PM

LS

“ Linda Cole Schonbok lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn



Linda Cole Schonbok - May 02, 2013 at 12:45 PM

SL

“ Stephanie Leuthen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn



Stephanie Leuthen - May 02, 2013 at 12:44 PM

Joe Krill

“ Joe Krill lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn



Joe Krill - May 02, 2013 at 10:43 AM

MR

“ *Michael D. Reed lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn*



Michael D. Reed - May 02, 2013 at 10:30 AM

SC

“ *Harry and I are so sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



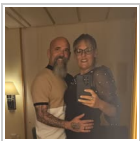
SUE COVERT - May 02, 2013 at 09:24 AM

SB

“ *She was a wonderful lady!*



Susan Boies - May 02, 2013 at 09:15 AM



“ *Gwen Miles lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn*



Gwen Miles - May 02, 2013 at 09:04 AM

CW

“ *Carol Welch lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn*



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**Carol Welch** - May 02, 2013 at 08:48 AM

CW

*Will miss your smile and twinkling eyes.*

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**Carol Welch** - May 02, 2013 at 08:49 AM

CT

“ *Chris Taylor lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn*



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**Chris Taylor** - May 02, 2013 at 07:57 AM

JM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Barb's death. The first time I met her was in 1988 on the medivac flight to Colorado. I was a scared kid with a baby and her and Gary adopted me. Of course, over the years I have seen both her and Gary but not for a while. I will always have good memories of a great woman.*

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**Jeannie Elseman( Metzinger)** - May 02, 2013 at 07:52 AM

MK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. I remember meeting Barbara when i was a reporter at the Daily Guide in 2009 and pretty much saw her everyday when I stopped at the police station to review police reports. She always greeted me with a smile, that is something I will never forget about her. She always had great stories to share, too. My condolences are with her friends and family. I know she will be missed tremendously.

- Matthew Kent

*Former reporter at the Waynesville Daily Guide*

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**Matthew Kent** - May 02, 2013 at 07:45 AM

CB

“ We remember Barbara as a super enthused, super energetic Cub Scout leader. We're sad for her passing and send our caring thoughts to Gary. Gary, we credit you with helping our son Clay earn his Eagle. Clay and his wife are new parents this year. Their daughter Shaylee is 8 months old. She already has her pink camo and they took a darling picture of her with duck decoys and her yellow lab "Sandy". They live near Rogers, AR. Our older son Ryan and wife also had a baby this year. Tucker is 5 months. They live in St. Paul, MN. Greetings to Greg in NY also.  
Love, Cynthia & Dave Bolinger, Warsaw, MO

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**Cynthia Bolinger** - May 02, 2013 at 06:45 AM

DM

“ Debbie Martin lit a candle in memory of Barbara Sue Heckathorn



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**Debbie Martin** - May 02, 2013 at 05:49 AM

DM

*I was blessed to know this wonderful woman for many years. Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends.*

**Debbie Martin** - May 02, 2013 at 05:50 AM

NC

“ *She was a very pretty mother-in-law Dianne. My condolences to your husband and to you and your family.*

**Nancy Rhodes Collins** - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Barbara was a great person,, always smiling.*

**Beth Campbell** - May 01, 2013 at 11:04 PM

LH

“ *Barbara was a unique lady. Our thoughts are with Gary and the family during this difficult time. We thank Barb for her many years of service to the City of Waynesville.*  
*Mayor Luge Hardman*

**Luge Hardman** - May 01, 2013 at 06:59 PM