



Rhonda K. Elder

October 19, 1955 - February 13, 2014

ADRIAN – Rhonda K. Elder, age 55 of Adrian, passed away Thursday, February 13, 2014, at Bixby Medical Center.

She was born October 19, 1958, in Bowling Green, Ohio, the oldest child of Dr. Richard and Ruth (Gorsuch) Barber. Rhonda was a 1976 graduate of Adrian High School and attended Lansing Community college.

While living in Seattle, Washington, Rhonda met Mark Elder whom she married on May 4, 1987 at Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Although Rhonda loved working with people in the restaurant business as an owner of Holloway's Café with her husband, or later at Charlotte Stephenson Manor or the WOW Café, she always felt her most important job in life was mother to her two sons and wife to Mark.

In addition to her parents, Dr. Richard and Ruth Barber of Adrian, and Mark, her husband of 26 years, she is survived by their sons, Blake and Drew of Ann Arbor; and her siblings, Regina Mingus (Jon Young) of Adrian, Rick (Rebecca) Barber of Ann Arbor; and Randy (Lori) Barber of Seattle, WA.

Funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at Wagley Funeral Home with her uncle, Rev. Donald Linn, officiating. Burial will be private. Friends may visit her family at the funeral home on Monday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Rhonda may be made to the Lenawee Humane Society or the donor's charity of choice.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHo

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rhonda K. Elder*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Richard and Ruth, I am so very sorry to have heard of your daughter's passing this past February. Sorry too, that this is coming so late, but have just now received the webpage address. I cannot even imagine how hard it is to have lost a child. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. It was nice to read how very important her children were in her life. I pray that they are doing well and getting through this time of loss. It was so very nice to have you join Bruse and Lois this past January for Mom's Memorial service. It meant a great deal to the three of us to have you there. Take care and may God Bless you in the coming year. Fondly, Marcia (Knoblauch) Galante*

John Galante - April 24, 2014 at 01:16 PM



“ *Condolences to the Elder family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says Jehovah God, "is healing the broken hearted ones, and is binding up their painful spots." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

Williams family - February 26, 2014 at 09:15 AM



“ *We loved you, Rhonda.*

Wes & Nancy Dermeyer

Wesley Dermeyer - February 19, 2014 at 07:48 AM

DP

“ *Debby Pellowe lit a candle in memory of Rhonda K. Elder*



Debby Pellowe - February 18, 2014 at 01:30 PM

DP

My prayers are with the family. I hope everyone will remember fond memories through the past years.

"When somebody dies, a cloud turns into an angel, and flies up to tell GOD to put another flower on the pillow.....people disappear, but they never really go away.....they whisper to us, don't miss me too much. The view is nice and I'm doing just fine."

---Ashley (excerpt)

Debby Pellowe - February 18, 2014 at 01:40 PM

JV

“ *Dear Barber Family,*

I am so sorry to hear of Rhonda's passing. I remember spending time at your house, all the baby kittens you had and playing on the play ground at Lincoln Elementary School. Rhonda and I use to sit on my front porch on Michigan Ave playing guitar and singing songs together. She had such a beautiful voice. We were also on the cheerleading squad together at Drager Middle School and had so much fun during that time. She was such a beautiful person inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Julie Fowler

Julie Vasquez - February 18, 2014 at 12:13 PM

KS

“ To Regina, the Barber families and Elder Families,
I met Regina and Rhonda when I was in first grade. They lived next door to Lincoln school. I have many fond memories of Rhonda and the entire Barber family. Regina was my best friend. I spent many days playing with them in that lovely house.
I am so sorry to hear of Rhonda's passing. My thoughts and prayers are for peace, strength and comfort during this very difficult time. Rhonda was a caring, giving person. She will be deeply missed.
Love Always,
Kris Rasmussen Scott

Kristen R. Scott - February 18, 2014 at 12:03 PM

JJ

“ Mark, so sorry to hear about Rhonda's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and will be praying for strength to get you through this difficult time. Cindy and I were on the way to the viewing but this snow storm stopped us. Know that we really wanted to show our support and share our condolences.
Judy Jans

Judy Jans - February 17, 2014 at 08:46 PM

MC

“ Dr. and Mrs. Barber - We are so sorry to hear of Rhonda's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mark and Juna Casper

Mark Casper - February 17, 2014 at 03:01 PM

JP

“ We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Rhonda. . Our condolences to her parents, husband, children and siblings.

John and Tracy Pratt

John and Tracy Pratt - February 17, 2014 at 12:47 PM

HB

“ My dear friends, Ruth and Dick, I was so saddened to get the call from Karen S. telling me of the so soon passing of Rhonda. I remember her as always being a good student and a very pleasant one, always smiling. That bodes well for you as parents as that is the way I remember Regina, Rick and Randy. One of our favorite places to eat when Ron was still alive was Holloway's Café and that was not only because of the good food but especially because Rhonda would always take time to come over a talk to us. My heart goes out to you, your family and Mark and his family. She will be missed.

Helene Bleecker - February 17, 2014 at 11:38 AM

TM

“ So sorry to hear of Rhond's passing. Always a great friend to everyone in the class of 76.
RIP Rhonda, you will be missed.

Tami Michael - February 17, 2014 at 10:30 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rhonda K. Elder.*



February 16, 2014 at 06:56 PM



“ *So Sorry to hear of Rhonda's passing. She always had a great smile.
She will be missed by the Class of 76. RIP Rhonda.*

Tamara Michael - February 15, 2014 at 09:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Rhonda K. Elder.*



February 15, 2014 at 07:43 PM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of growing up with Rhonda and spending time with her loving family. We camped in the backyard, spent hours at the Lincoln School playground, and sang songs while we walked around the block together, and Rhonda's laugh and smile was always part of that fun. My sincerest love and sympathy for the loss of such a special daughter, wife, mother, sister, and friend. My thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time.
DeeAnn Crawford DePaul*

DeeAnn DePaul - February 15, 2014 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mark ,Drew,Blake.. I am so sorry for the loss of Rhonda from your family. Hugs to all of you. Rhonda was an amazing friend to me and I will always cherish the memories I have of her. When we were close friends in Seattle , she was the best story teller and had a great sense of humor. She had a wonderful laugh and smile. We shared many fun times together at work and at home. She was a beautiful person. My thoughts are with you all.*

Colleen Montoya (Spear)

Colleen Montoya (Spear) - February 15, 2014 at 09:09 AM



“ *Ms. Rhonda was always very sweet and kind to me. She helped train me to be a grand server, when I was afraid she always had the words I needed to get the job done. She didn't ever show a sour side long. A few moments of frustration and she was back to laughing and smiling. I will miss you dearly. My prayers and Blessings go out to your two sons and husband. Thank You for everything Ms. Rhonda. I LOVE YOU :)*

Earl - February 15, 2014 at 08:16 AM



“ *To the Barber and Elder families, I graduated from High School with Rhonda. Keeping your families in my thoughts and prayers! May God give you comfort and peace during this time!*

Carla Yoder

Carla Yoder - February 15, 2014 at 02:43 AM



“ *Mark, so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Tom & Sherry*

Tom & Sherry Winkle - February 14, 2014 at 07:15 PM

TA

Thinking of you all at this difficult time. She will be remembered often as the beautiful and kind lady that she was.

The Arbaugh family

The Arbaugh's - February 15, 2014 at 02:11 PM