

## **Scharff, Barbara L.**

**(Age 64)**

Peacefully was set free and entered into an eternal rest on Monday, January 11, 2010. Barb, as she liked to be called, was born December 30, 1945 in St. Maries, ID and lived there until moving with her family

to Coeur d'Alene, ID when she was nine years old. Barb was a graduate of IHM Academy High School, North Idaho Junior College and the University of Idaho. As a young adult Barb loved to camp, hike, fish and water raft. She also excelled at whatever sport she chose, especially skiing, tennis and softball. Barb traveled extensively and her most memorable trip was to Europe where she traveled alone on the Eurail train system to special places in England, Germany, Italy, and Austria. Barb thoroughly enjoyed experiencing new cultures and visiting with fellow travelers. She also found time to give a lot of herself to numerous Spokane County youth and adults. She assisted them in their rehabilitation process while employed in her Recreation Specialist career field with the State of Washington until her physical condition significantly deteriorated. As attested by her network of friends, Barb was a wonderful person with a strong faith. Barb always tried to help others and shared what she had, especially with her neighbors in her apartment complex. She loved to do crafts and made all her cards to give to family and friends. Barb was determined to do things she wanted to do and didn't let her disabilities keep her from this goal. She mastered the computer, took a writing class, and attended the Red Hat Society functions. Barb was a true friend whom we will all miss very much. But we know that she is with her Lord whom she dearly loved. She is now free of pain and suffering and can walk and dance and do all that she was unable to do here on earth. Barb was preceded in death by her father, Leo Scharff; mother, Rose Johnson; sister, Sharon Scharff; and sister-in-law, Lotte Scharff. She is survived by her step-father, Hillmer Johnson of Coeur d'Alene; brother, Ron Scharff (Maria) of Spokane; step-brother, Charles Johnson (Sandra) of Post Falls; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service is scheduled for 10:00am, Monday, January 18, 2010, at the Lake City Assembly Church, 400 East Grace, Medical Lake, WA. A private burial service will be held at a later date at the Sacred Heart Mission Cemetery at Desmet, Idaho. A special thanks from Barb's family is extended to the staffs of the Franklin Hills Nursing Center, the Valley Hospital and Medical Center and the Cornerstone Care Services as well as the staff and residents of the Hearthstone Apartments for all their warm and tender loving care extended to Barb. Her last hours were dignified and peaceful.



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