



Barbara Higinbotham

June 8, 1928 - November 12, 2015

Barbara passed away Nov. 12, 2015, at the age of 87. She will be fondly remembered by many.

Born June 8, 1928, to Albert and Pearl Slothower Harman in Port Angeles, Washington, Barbara graduated from Roosevelt High School, Port Angeles in 1946 and from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism in 1950.

In her early work life, she edited women's and society pages for The Daily Olympian newspaper at Olympia, Washington, for four years. Later Barbara joined the staff of home economics and fashion department of The Seattle Times as a writer and assistant editor from 1954-1958.

She married Robert J. Higinbotham at the historic St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Port Angeles, Washington, on May 17, 1958. The couple lived in Seattle and Kirkland, Washington, before moving to Corvallis in 1964. In Corvallis Mrs. Higinbotham studied at Oregon State University to obtain teaching credentials in journalism and social science, working for several years as a substitute teacher in Corvallis and Philomath.

She was a member of Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism honorary, which later became known as Women in Communications. She belonged to Alpha

Omicron Pi sorority and to Port Angeles' Michael Trebert Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Higinbotham had a lifelong interest in the Campfire organization, with three generations of her family active members.

She was an Episcopalian, and sang in church choirs from childhood. She was an Associate of the Community of the Holy Spirit and a member of the parish choir at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis.

Barbara's interests centered chiefly around her family. She loved music, reading, the outdoors, family fishing expeditions to the mountain lakes and preserving the harvest of the garden.

She was preceded in death by her brother, James Harman; and parents Albert and Pearl Harman of Corvallis.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; children Larry, Alan and Jeanie Higinbotham; grandchildren Eric, Katie and Sienna; three nephews and one niece.

A viewing will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at McHenry Funeral Home. A service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan.

Donations may be made in memory of Barbara to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society and the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. I sat next to Barbara in choir for several years. She was always kind and laughed at my jokes. She was the same age as my dad, who's been gone for 13 years now. All the best to Bob and Jeanne.*

Jane Stoltz - November 13, 2015 at 08:14 PM

JH

Hi Jane. I know this is over 3 years later but I am behind technology wise and didn't know much about this part of it. Anyways, thank you for your comments. I know you and my mom really enjoyed each other, your shared sense of humor and fun. She always had great things to say about you. Always positive. Thanks again. The Higinbotham's

Jeanie Higinbotham - June 10, 2019 at 05:59 PM