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After a valiant fight, Barbara succumbed to complications from Multiple Sclerosis on October 10, 2024, at CC Young Hospice in Dallas. She had her best friend, biggest fan, life-long love, and tireless caregiver, Ken, by her side.

Barbara Louise Halas Stoker Lockett was born to Lloyd and Shirley Halas on July 26, 1954, in Aberdeen, MD., while Lloyd served in the United States Army.

For the first nine years of her life, Barbara lived with her beloved older sister, Libi, at various posts, including several years in Huntsville, Alabama, Okinawa, Japan, Oberwerrn, Germany, and, finally, El Paso, Texas. At an early age, she experienced and embraced many cultures.

The Halas family settled in El Paso, TX, in 1963, which Barbara would proudly call her hometown for the rest of her life. During her early years in El Paso, she made countless lifelong friends in school and at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Barbara graduated from Burges High School in 1972. At Burges, she honed

her skills as a gifted singer and member of the main and A cappella choirs. She continued to bless the world with her beautiful mezzo-soprano throughout her life.

El Paso is also where she met the two loves of her life. In 1974, she met and married William "Craig" Stoker, and they moved to Jackson, Mississippi, and Katy, TX, over the next several years. Barbara and Craig had two sons, Andrew Craig (1975) and William Trent (1977).

Tragically, Craig died in 1979. Barbara moved back to El Paso later that year, where she would continue to raise their young family. She was a fiercely loving mother, protective of her young sons, and supported them in all their activities. Barbara stepped back into singing and introduced Andy and Trent to the church by rejoining St. Paul's UMC. She met and fell in love for the second time with another St. Paul's UMC choir member, Kenneth E. Lockett Jr. (Ken). Ken added two daughters to the family: Lea Lockett and Laura Lockett Porter. Barbara attended UTEP, worked in a friend's gift shop, and traveled with family.

Barbara also rekindled her passion for fine arts and honed her painting skills over the next two decades. She painted countless landscapes, most of which she kindly gifted to friends and family. Many of her oils and pastels hang proudly on their walls today. Ken retired from his dedicated career with the Army Garrison at White Sands Missile Range in 1997. He and Barbara designed and built their dream house in New Braunfels, TX, and spent many wonderful years with friends in the neighborhood and First UMC New Braunfels.

Barbara was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1990. She fought it valiantly and with dignity; never ceasing to build her body up with swimming and physical therapy. Due to advancing symptoms, Barbara and Ken moved to CC

Young Senior Living in Dallas, TX, at the end of 2017. Barbara immediately became a favorite resident by making friends and creating custom birthday, sympathy, and welcome cards for residents and staff members. Additionally, her creative writings won several awards at annual art competitions. She and Ken have made many dear friends at CC Young and as members of First UMC Dallas.

Barbara is survived by her beloved husband, Ken, sons Andy (Megan) and Trent (Amy), stepdaughters Lea Luckett and Laura Porter (Russ), and eight grandchildren, who gave her so much joy over the past 21 years of her life.

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Louise Lockett.



October 26, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ What a beautiful soul is now in heaven! I met Barbara when she moved to New Braunfels at FUMC. She joined UMW and we became friends. She is the lady that invited me to the Do Nothing Angels group. What fun we had over the years! This precious gal was an inspiration in how she faced her MS.. with determination to live each day to the fullest and celebrate each victory, sometimes something as simple as taking a few steps. I will always value her amazing friendship and her beautiful voice!

Sarah Thompson - October 24, 2024 at 08:59 AM

BM

“ My husband & I met Barbie & Ken through our cousins, Randy & Brenda Oakes who were their neighbors! What a beautiful soul Barbie was. Ken was also a wonderful man who loved Barbie dearly. She endured so much healthwise but had great energy & love of life! Never complained, loved her Lord & family & in spite of all her health issues, her beauty never showed any appearance of illness. She had a heart of gold, very talented artist & if anyone has a front row seat in heaven, it's Barbie! God rest her beautiful soul, she is up walking & flying with the angels. Our deepest sympathy to her family. May God give Ken, & her family peace, comfort & strength in the coming months. She will be sorely missed by so many! We love you Barbie & Ken & we will see you again, Barbie in God's glorious heaven. With love in Christ, Becky & Danny McHugh



Becky & Danny McHugh - October 24, 2024 at 07:00 AM

JM

“ When I met Barbara Luckett at wurstfest in 1997 I thought she said Barbie...not Bobbe. From then on she was Barbie married to Ken. And they built their dream home in New Braunfels!!! She was my Barbie doll. And what a beautiful doll she was. Her smile lit up the room when she walked in! I never saw her mad or say a harsh word against anyone (well....maybe once or twice). But she was so much fun to be around. And the talent she had was amazing. Cooking. Singing. Her art work. Decorating. And on and on. One week a group of us who sewed and made quilts decided we'd have a girls weekend at my farm east of Seguin. As we were making plans Barbie said “well I want to go too. I don't sew but I'll cook all y'all's meals if I can go!” Of course she made the best meals and snacks for us all weekend!!! But the one I distinctly remember was a mango congealed salad!!!! YUM!!! So many memories of my precious Barbie doll. The phone calls when Ken would be at the store...our DNA group (Do Nothing Angels) listening to her sing. Boat rides. All the fabulous snacks and meals she so lovingly shared. Her creativity amazed me. Even just the fact that Craig grew up in the same church I was raised in and his parents were friends of my parents! What a small world. The list goes on but my favorite is the recording she gave me “and we shall behold him “. I can hear her singing in the heavenly choir as a true angel. I thank God our paths crossed and our shoulders touched while on this earth at the same time. Rest of peace my precious Barbie doll. Love you always,
Janice Martin

Janice Martin - October 24, 2024 at 12:41 AM