



Barbara Ann (Bernard) Burhans

March 20, 2014

Burhans, Barbara Ann (Bernard) of Crystal, born 5/14/31, passed away unexpectedly after a short illness on 3/20/14, surrounded by her loving family. Adored wife for over 60 years of Ira 'Skip' Burhans; mother of Ira Jon (Barb), Hugh (Annette), Betsy (Rudy) Gomez , Susan Swanson; grandchildren Leif Burhans, Sophie Burhans, Isabelle, Xander, Olivia Gomez; Mathew, Natasha, Victor Swanson; also survived by her sister Betty Daly and numerous nieces, nephews and family friends. Preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Elsie Bernard and sister, Mary (Bernard) Maercklein. Barb was a modern day renaissance woman; musician, athlete, gardener, traveler, entrepreneur and most of all, the sparkling gem at the center of our family. Barb was an accomplished artist delving in ceramics, and other mediums. As an athlete she ran several Marathons, 10Ks and 5Ks, winning numerous trophies, ribbons and metals in her age class. She was a long time member of the Minnesota Distance Runner Association; there wasn't a sport that Barb didn't try with great success. Barb loved spending time Bozeman Montana, where she recently enjoyed our annual ski trip. She especially enjoyed mountain hiking trips in the spring flowers and fall plumage. Days of joy were spent at Pickerel Lake each summer and winter at our cabin near Detroit Lakes. Memorials preferred, directed to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Dr, Chaska, Mn 55318 Memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 2 pm with visitation 1 hour prior with a celebration following the service. www.Washburn-McReavy.c

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Tribute Wall



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