



Barbara Moorhead Reaoch

December 27, 1952 - August 13, 2024

Barbara (Barb) Moorhead Reaoch died peacefully, surrounded by her loving husband and children on August 13th, 2024 at the age of 71 after a 2 year battle with cancer. She was born to Daniel and Ruth (Graffin) Moorhead in Columbus, Ohio on December 27, 1952.

Barb's childhood was spent in Columbus, OH and Encino, CA. She married Ron Reaoch on September 23rd, 1972 in Bowling Green, OH. Soon after, they settled in Midland, MI, where all three of their children were born.

Barb volunteered with Bible Study Fellowship International for 14 years in Michigan and Kentucky, first as a Discussion Leader, and then as a Teaching Leader. In 2000, she and her husband Ron, moved to Cape Town, South Africa, to introduce Bible Study Fellowship classes there by request. They spent 7 years in South Africa teaching, leading and training volunteer leaders in personal inductive Bible study skills. There they also worked with the Rafiki Foundation to train young women in job and life skills. With her grandchildren far away, Barb began to write Bible studies for them to bridge the distance. She went on to author a total of 6 published books and several articles (see www.barbarareaoch.com for details).

After returning to the United States, Barb settled in Texas where she served as the Director of the Children's Division of Bible Study Fellowship

International for 11 years. In that role she started the Infant and Toddler Programs and expanded the School Program in Day Women's classes, allowing many more women throughout the world to study the Bible. She also wrote numerous children's materials as Bible Study Fellowship developed new studies. Her role included visiting classes worldwide to offer training and support. During this time she was an active member of First Baptist Church of San Antonio where she wrote the weekly Family ReVerse Devotional. Upon retirement, Barb relocated to Minnesota to be near family and became an active member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis. She continued writing into her final days, motivated by her passion to impact the next generation, fulfilling Psalm 145:4: "One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts." In her own words, she wrote, "Nothing thrills me more than to see the great truths of the gospel change kids' lives. I love to give adults tools to disciple the next generation. I want every parent and teacher to know that God's Word has power to enable their children to discover the joy of loving God."

Barb was a cherished wife, mom, Ouma, sister, and friend to many, the world over. She was always ready for an adventure, especially the adventure of following the Lord's leading. Her warm, joyful smile will be greatly missed by all.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 52 years; her sister Carol (Bill) McCarty; her three children, Ben (Stacy), Jonathan and Elizabeth (Chris) Tachick; and 7 grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 22, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel
2610 - 19th Avenue NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Funeral Service will be Friday, August 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Visitation prior at 10:00 AM, luncheon following
at Bethlehem Baptist Church
720 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Bible Study Fellowship International,
Bethlehem Baptist Church of Minneapolis, MN or First Baptist Church of San
Antonio, TX.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church (Downtown Campus)
720 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Church Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church (Downtown Campus)
720 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Reception

AUG **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church (Downtown Campus)
720 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Tribute Wall

TR

“ Given the turmoil in South Africa, it is encouraging and heartwarming to know that Christ's church there is being strengthened by work that Barb helped make possible. Wonderful legacy.

Terry Rogstad - August 11, 2025 at 07:32 AM

TL

“ We have been blessed by Barb's work in BSF HQ as our children have attended with us over the years!
It was a wonderful trip of a lifetime for us on 'Paul's Journey' in 2022 with many HQ staff including time with Barb and Ron! Little did we know that it was the last time we will see Barb this side of heaven:(
Our deepest condolences to Ron and the family! May the God of all Comfort be your comfort today and everyday until you meet Barb again in heaven!
God bless,
Thomas & Vanessa, Sydney, Australia.

Thomas Lam - August 28, 2024 at 07:29 PM

JH

“ I'm so thankful for Barbara and her commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. She trained me to be a children's supervisor in a BSF women's pilot class. Her training gave me a gospel-centered lens through which to teach children - both my own and others. I can still hear her voice saying: "When God is big in your own heart, He will be magnified in the hearts of the children you teach." Thank you, Barbara, for faithfully loving Jesus and showing me what that looked like. I'm glad you're rejoicing in His presence today.

Jodie Hutchins - August 23, 2024 at 03:49 PM

CC

“ We will miss Barbara and her always joyful presence. Pray for God's comfort to Ron and the family. We are thankful to God for the wonderful memories we had with Barbara that we can always treasure in our hearts.

Chih and Judy Cheng



Chih-meng Cheng - August 23, 2024 at 02:38 PM

MO

“ Merle ORyan lit a candle in memory of Barbara Moorhead Reaoch



Merle ORyan - August 23, 2024 at 06:42 AM

AM

“ I first met Barbara at TGCW ten years ago. I had never met anyone before who thought about children's ministry in exactly the same way as me - so we spent an hour both talking nonstop! It was then my delight to be Barbara's editor for her three books with The Good Book Company. The Lord had gifted her with an unusual ability to explain the Bible to young children and families, and her devotions have been used and appreciated by many many families since. I am so grateful to have known her and served alongside her.
Alison Mitchell, Senior Editor, The Good Book Company

Alison Mitchell - August 23, 2024 at 05:16 AM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



Washburn-McReavy - August 22, 2024 at 10:09 AM

HH

I had the privilege of knowing Barbara as an AA with BSF. Her passion for the Lord and His Word had an international influence on so many. 'Till we meet again.

Holly Holmquist - September 01, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this news but certainly know Barbara is shining in the light of her Savior! It was such a privilege to serve as ACA in BSF under her leadership. Her love for her Lord and care for others, especially children, was her legacy. I gleaned much from her training. May the Lord's peace and presence fill you now as He comforts and provides in the days ahead.*

Carol Hartwig - August 22, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ I had the privilege of meeting Barbara at the BSF Leaders Retreat in Melbourne in October 2018. At that time, Barbara was the Director of the Children’s Program and her passion for the ministry was evident. Her joy in serving the Lord and her dedication to making every child feel valued in the Pre-School and Students Program (formerly the School Program) were inspiring. She spoke about expanding our classes to include SDG classes and emphasized the importance of teaching basic truths through song , keeping our lessons Gospel-centred, and helping children connect with a living God. Her energy, enthusiasm, and vision for the growth of the BSF kids’ ministry were palpable. I was excited to receive a copy of her book, A Jesus Christmas. Though our interaction was brief, it left a lasting impression. I praise God for her life and consider it a blessing to have known her. Barbara now rests safely in the arms of Jesus. My deepest condolences go out to her family.
With Prayers..
Anita John, Melbourne

Anita John - August 21, 2024 at 11:35 PM



“ I had the very sweet opportunity to travel to India, Taiwan and the UK with dear Barbara. I am so blessed to have had time with her to pour into me the blessings of her wisdom, discernment and grace❤️ Barbara taught me so many things that I needed to know. I thank God for our time together and for learnings from my time spent with her. She showed me what it looked like to be Jesus’ hands and feet as we visited BSF classes together. She had the purest of hearts I have ever known in this life ❤️ I am forever grateful for the way God intersected our lives!❤️

Lisha Dees - August 21, 2024 at 11:00 PM

TR

“ Ron and family, Barb impacted the lives of many and she will be missed, especially by you, her beloved family. Please accept our condolences.

We remember fondly the times we shared while you lived here in Midland. Both Barb and Ron were our first Teaching Leaders in BSF.

Blessings,
Walt & Theresa Reaume

Theresa Reaume - August 21, 2024 at 08:02 PM

CT

“ Barb’s warm smile, voice & friendliness encourages me much. She has impacted many lives and her love for God & His words is evident in ways that she shared her experiences & continue to spur us in our walk with God. We will miss you dearly, Barb

Catherine Tan - August 21, 2024 at 07:22 PM

ES

“ Barb was a mentor and inspiration! Her godly wisdom was formative in my faith walk!

Emily Cox Schonefeld - August 21, 2024 at 06:56 PM

BC

“ Barbara was head of the children’s program when I had the privilege of serving as a children’s area coordinator. She was a wealth of information and encouragement. It was my honor to know her and even share about ‘cousin camp’💕. She left a huge legacy and will be missed so much. My deepest condolences to you, her precious family.

Brenda Cates - August 21, 2024 at 06:19 PM

SL

“ Ron and family—Please accept my deepest sympathy. Barb always had time to smile and wave to all of the BSF HQ tour visitors who came on Wednesdays when I gave the HQ tours. Her friendliness always thrilled them. While we grieve here on earth, heaven is rejoicing that this beloved servant of God is in her forever home. God’s blessings and comfort. Sandy Lamprecht

Sandra Lamprecht - August 21, 2024 at 05:37 PM

NO

“ Oh Elizabeth - I am deeply sorry. God used your mom to play a vital role in my walk as a believer. She was the one who encouraged (kind of pushed 😊) me to move from being a Children's Leader in BSF to a Group Leader. Being a CL was a breeze for me and thus I was relying on myself - not the Lord. Your mom helped me acknowledge and confess that and so I moved into a GL role - a Group Leader role. I was terrified to work with women!! But she knew - God knew what I needed to deepen my trust and dependency on Him and His enabling of me. This was my first step to becoming a TL some years later. I was a TL for 25 years - due in large part to your mom listening to God and then shepherding me with excellence. Your mom also helped me walk through one of the hardest times in my life. God used her - once again - to keep me focused on Him and not my circumstances. She encouraged me to trust God - stay in my marriage and watch what He could do. Just a few months ago, my husband and I celebrated 46 years of marriage. Your mom was used by God to save my marriage. Elizabeth - I could go on and on - because your mom intentionally poured into my life as a shepherd and friend. I will miss her greatly - but I know I will be with her again - she just got there first. I am praying for your family - especially your dad. I still have such fond memories of you - you were such a cutie!! Well - still are!! May God hold you tight and deeply comfort you as you trust Him with each next step and day. ❤️ Nancy Ogle

Nancy Ogle - August 21, 2024 at 11:19 AM

PA

“ Sending condolences to your family. As a Children’s Leader and then Children’s Supervisor I had the privilege of seeing the impact that Barbara had on the student program and the lives of the students. She truly reached the next generation for Christ and her legacy will continue on through all the lives she touched. I know she heard the words of Jesus saying “well done good and faithful servant”.

Pat - August 20, 2024 at 08:00 PM

MC

“ Sallie and I send our condolences to this Godly family. Ultimate healing has been experienced by Barbara. Our lives were enriched by this talented servant of God. To reflect on the years and experiences of the Reoach’s is a tribute to Spirit filled lives serving God’s kingdom. We are saddened this day by her passing yet comforted in knowing she has completed the journey she began with Jesus many years ago. God bless the family and the legacy of this remarkable woman.

Pete and Sallie McKnight

Mcknight - August 20, 2024 at 11:58 AM

ME

“ I met Barb when I was a group leader from Amsterdam. It was at a leadership retreat at Birmingham in 2017. I remember our conversation around parenting and building faith in young children. Her smile, her wise words and her loves for the Lord stay in my heart till now. You will be missed dearly. Condolences to Barb’s family members.

Love from Malaysia, MeeKuan

MeeKuan - August 19, 2024 at 09:17 PM

MC

“ *BSF changed my life when it was introduced in South Africa years ago and I am so grateful to the Lord for sending Barbara at that time.*

She will remain in my heart as one very precious lady.

Till we meet again Barbara. You are with your Saviour now.

Condolences to Ron and the family.

Melanie Carstens - August 19, 2024 at 05:37 PM

MO

Beautiful Melanie, whatever that sentiment. Condolences to Ron and the family

Merle ORyan - August 23, 2024 at 06:38 AM

PH

“ *Barbara was always so wise and gentle especially when I got a bit too exuberant. Her love for Jesus was a great example for me while in BSF leadership. She was an excellent teacher for our Children's leaders and Area tems.*

Petra Holtze - August 19, 2024 at 04:11 PM

WM

“ *Starting many years ago, Barb and Ron brought both Carol and me (Barb's sister and brother in law) closer to Jesus Christ. Barb was more than a very special and talented person. She was one of those people who (as described in that very overused old phrase) would literally light up a room with her big welcoming smile. Thanks for all that you did for us, Barb, so so much.*

William (Bill) McCarty - August 19, 2024 at 03:40 PM

MT

“ *That smile! She was part of my church and my BSF Leader. The world is a better place because of her. Heaven is a joyful place because of her. We will see you again, Barb.*

marie thurlow - August 19, 2024 at 02:34 PM

PR

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Barb. I've never met two nicer people than Ron and Barb, who were such good friends to my wife and me when we moved to Midland back in 1977.*

Phil Reedy - August 19, 2024 at 11:08 AM

VP

“ *I knew Barb through BSF as I was a Teaching Leader. What a delight to serve at the time she was serving ❤️ Her smile, her love for the Lord and others was so inspiring. She will be missed yet her work continue through others who were taught, inspired, educated and loved by her. May God lovingly hold you all close as you transition to life without her physical presence, yet knowing she is with her Lord and Savior eternally. ❤️*

Vonnie Pratt - August 19, 2024 at 10:16 AM

BL

“ *Barbara was committed to provide effective Children and School programs in BSF that had helped many children. We thank God for her faithfulness, her joyful service and encouragement to many.
From Poh Choo and Bruce*

Bruce YL Lee - August 19, 2024 at 09:39 AM

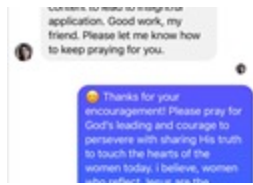
EM

“ A great teacher, I was blessed to be trained by her as a new CS from Nairobi Kenya back in 2014. She later visited Kenya for bsf summit and our reunion was great, I still have the photos we took together. She impacted my life and my leadership role in bsf through her trainings and her love for the next generation. Praying for God's peace and comfort upon her family. Love from Kenya.

Elizabeth Mburu - August 19, 2024 at 08:53 AM

LY

“ I thank God for Barbara who was always living for the Gospel and was an encourager, not only in her ministry in BSF but as a friend who was always approachable, and personal. Here is one of those conversations we had:



Lucy Ying - August 19, 2024 at 07:42 AM

KM

“ I'm so thankful to have been a BSF children's leader and learned from Barbara's wise leadership. Both of my children were part of the infant & toddler program she created and learned truth and were prayed for there. I truly believe God used the BSF preschool program to turn my children's hearts toward His. Thank you, Barbara.

Kerri McWilliams - August 19, 2024 at 07:33 AM

AM

“ Barbara's passion to pass on the baton of faith to the next generation, transformed me for eternity. As an Area Personnel Leader in BSF, my greatest memory is serving as a BSF Area Children's Coordinator (Southern Africa) under Barbara. When the Infant and Toddler program was launched, I grew to understand that we needed to "catch" the children when they were still young. Through Countless interactions with ,Barbara I realised how serious the charge to reach the next generation was. She had this twinkle and excitement in her eyes each time she spoke about the next generation. Warm, soft spoken, humble and unapologetic about her love for Jesus and the next generation!!!! Her legacy will continue to live on , here in Southern Africa, through many children , adults and leaders who have been impacted by the work of BSF which includes Barbara's.

Deepest condolences to Ron and family!!! May our dear Lord of comfort, hold you fast, during this time.

*Angie Maboreke
BSF Area Personnel
Southern Africa*

Angie Maboreke - August 19, 2024 at 12:48 AM

RS

“ My dear friend Barb, has gone to be with Jesus, whom she loved and served faithfully to the end. I recalled the first day I met Barb and Ron when they arrived in South Africa. And from that day, she became a true friend. Not long after I served with her in the BSF class and so grateful for her example and diligence in leading and teaching the class. We met from time to time over the years after her move back to the US but I remember especially my visit with her and Ron just last year, sitting on a bench at the Arboretum, we recalled God's goodness and the memories of starting the class in South Africa. Barb's heart was for people loving and serving Jesus and continuing to live for Him. Whilst she is with us no longer, the memory of her will live on in our hearts until we too meet her at the feet of Jesus.

Rose Stevens - August 19, 2024 at 12:21 AM

JT

“ Although I have not seen Barb and Ron in a number of years, I always valued their friendship. I followed Barb via Facebook and marveled at her work with children's ministry. My wife Karen (who died in 2000) and I were honored to babysit their three children when they were away for a weekend and we attended church with them for several years before they moved away from Midland. My heart goes out to Ron and the children and I will be praying for their peace and comfort. God bless! John Thompson (now of East Jordan, Mi)

John Thompson - August 18, 2024 at 11:25 PM

WD

“ I am so thankful for Barb’s life and the impact she made here on this earth for God’s New Kingdom and New Earth. There are so many she impacted who will greet her laying their crowns at the feet of Jesus together. While I am soooo thankful for her life and kind spirit (I was a CL in her area in San Antonio for a piece), I know that those this side of Heaven who love her are grieving (not as those who have no hope, but grieving none-the-less). Praying for your hearts as you miss who Barb was to each of you. Love, Hugs & Prayers to you all, Wendy Doncaster

Wendy Doncaster - August 18, 2024 at 09:58 PM

TJ

“ Barb was inspirational to so many. My mother looked to her guidance and ended up serving in BSF. Even while I was a teen, Barb's influence permeated our church which was felt at all ages. Her warm smile and hospitality was a comfort to many.

Travis Jones - August 18, 2024 at 06:54 PM

PR

“ I am at a loss for words to tell your family how much Barbara will be missed by her BSF Online family. She was such an encouragement, a prayer warrior and just a good friend to all of us in her group, Christ Over Cancer. Barb will be remembered for many years to come and many that have gone before her and many that are still here on this earth will be meeting her in heaven some day when the Lord returns. That is the book of the Bible that BSF is studying this year and Barbara was so looking forward to it. Now she is living it. Barb we will miss you but will remember you smile forever.



Patti Rosset - August 17, 2024 at 06:00 PM

PR

Barb is 2nd from left in top row. BSF Online Christ Over Cancer Group-Study of John (23/240)

Patti Rosset - August 17, 2024 at 06:01 PM

JB

We met and worshiped with Ron & Barb in Midland, Mi. Barb had a quiet and gentle spirit that impacted everyone who was fortunate to know her. She will be missed but we can be assured that she went straight into the arms of our loving Savior. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron and the family during this sad and difficult time.

John & Judy Bortz
Petoskey, Mi

John & Judy Bortz - August 18, 2024 at 10:29 PM

ND

Wow. The passing of an era... so sorry to hear of this loss. Love and hugs to all the family. My husband and I worked as Area Team members from Silicon valley, CA for 15+ yrs and loved her leadership and influence on the mission of BSF.

Nyna Dolby - August 18, 2024 at 11:32 PM

SB

When I think of Barbara what stands out to me was her warm and genuine smile and her welcoming and gentle voice. My family served through Rafiki and BSF in Africa when the Reaochs were there and enjoyed times when there would be conferences and we would interact with them. Barbra's lovely laugh and sense of fun was very attractive and above everything, her love for the Lord was the main thing in her life. Our prayers go out in behalf of Ron and the rest of the family during this difficult time.

Sharon Bylsma - August 19, 2024 at 10:57 AM

LW

Two things that Barb did stand out to me: beginning the infant program in BSF, and the book she wrote with her daughter-in-law, "Make Room for Her". They are infused with her warmth and wisdom, and her desire that all may know Him. I'm so grateful to have known her and been guided by her!

Laura Wunderink - August 19, 2024 at 07:01 PM

TR

“ Barb (and Ron) were among the very first to welcome us back to Minnesota in 2022 with a lunch invitation even though we had only been introduced via text through a common friend. During the times I saw her after her diagnosis, I never heard a word of complaint or fear. Always smiling. A very sad loss but a good example for all of us.

Terry Rogstad - August 17, 2024 at 10:46 AM

CL

Barb and Ron Reaoch became our lifelong friends when we worked together as founding members of Grace Heartland Church in Elizabethtown, KY! Those years forged a wonderful friendship to last a lifetime! You left a wonderful legacy here in Elizabethtown as Grace Heartland Church is now 35 years old and still thriving! Another legacy I fondly remember is when your family was moving away, Ron, Barb, Marilyn, and I dug up and transplanted two of your favorite trees from your house to ours! Those trees, still thriving, are a constant reminder of our wonder friendship with the Reaoch's!

There are no words capable of expressing our grief over the death of Barb. We extend our prayers to Ron, Ben, Jonathan, Elizabeth and the their family's for comfort from our Lord as you cope with this loss. We can take comfort in the fact as Barb stated her self that she had no need to fear death as Jesus would carry her into the arms of The Father. God Bless and Keep you!

Carl and Marilyn Lay

Carl and Marilyn Lay - August 20, 2024 at 04:26 PM

RA

Barb was such a faith-filled, faithful follower and servant of Jesus. I am quite confident that there are crowns and treasures for her in heaven!

I was privileged to be trained in area leadership for BSF in San Antonio by Barbara for the then Area Children's Coordinator role. She was a great trainer, teacher, and leader for the cause of Christ at BSF, and I am certain in her family, church home, and community.

Barb was patient, poised, and open to ways and ideas to be effective in teaching children about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Ways to help children understand who Jesus is, His love for them, what He did for them to live forever, and how to receive that wonderful gift. I learned so much from Barb about, how through Jesus' love, to teach, manage, and love the children who came to the School Program and BSF.

We enjoyed riddles together that I would share, and had several laughs and joyful moments over those. So much so that Barb asked for, and I compiled, my list of favorites, and she put them in book form for Elizabeth.

Lord I pray for comfort for the Reaach family, fill their minds and hearts with all of the special, wonderful memories that they made together with Barb. Give them, especially Ron, a hope for their future on this earth as they live each day until they can be with Barb again, in your glorious, joyous presence.

Please give my love and thanks to Barb, for being your faithful servant and leader here, and for the training in Your work that she provided to me. Tell her for me this message, one I cherish and recall from a hymn chorus we would always sing at the end of each BSF retreat, or international training, as we were ending our time together:

*"'Til we meet, 'til we meet, 'til we meet at Jesus feet,
'til we meet, 'til we meet, God be with you 'til we meet again."*

Ross Adams

Ross Adams - September 02, 2024 at 11:21 AM