



Barbara Ruiz

April 12, 1957 - April 12, 2003

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Barbara L. Ruiz, 46, of 913 Wells St., Iron Mountain, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 12, 2003, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 17, 1957, in Crystal Falls, daughter of Loren W. Anderson and Anne Carol Bates. She was raised in Montana and had lived there for many years before returning to Iron Mountain in 1998. While in Montana, she had worked as a nurse's aide at the Western Manor in Billings, Mont. For the past 1 1/2 years Barb worked for TLC Services in Iron Mountain. She loved to read, crochet, and was an avid animal lover. Barb was preceded in death by her grandparents, Harlan and Ella Bates of Randville, and Gordon and Evelyn Anderson of Crystal Falls, and a niece, Tara Flamm.

She is survived by her mother, Anne Carol Bates of Iron Mountain; her father, Loren (Coco) Anderson of Elk City, Idaho; three daughters, Pharra Anderson of Lansing, Kimberly and Amy Ruiz, both at home; her significant other, Mark Edwards of Iron Mountain; two brothers, David and Thomas Anderson, both of Colorado; three sisters, Carol (Donald) Whalen of Wyoming, Donna Anderson of Idaho and Lorene Anderson of Montana; a sister-in-law, Sherri Anderson of Montana, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m.

Wednesday at the funeral home. Rev. Don Whalen and Rev. Blaine

Donaldson will officiate. Burial will be in the Channing Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the Ruiz family online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain has been entrusted with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ *It was a joy and an honor to know Barb. I only knew her a short time while I was drawing her blood units at the Marquette Clinic in Kingsford, but I did get to know her enough to know that she is in heaven waiting for us....and taking care of the animals probably! This seems a little odd to do but I just wanted you to know how much I thought of Barb and that I have you all in my prayers. I know the Lord will help you through, in Jesus name. Mrs. Pat Leary*

Pat Leary - April 18, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dear Anne, Mark, Amy, Kim, & Pharrah,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Barb. She was a wonderful woman and we are truly grateful to have known her and been friend's with her. I had hoped upon hope that something would change in Barb's treatment's and prognosis. I am so glad now that when you Anne and Barb came through chemo a few week's ago that I got up and gave Barb a hug. I told her everything would be o.k. I would like to extend our deepest sympathy and offer of help in any way, shape or form. Please feel free to call on us anytime day or night. Once again we are truly grateful to have known Barb, for me in my cancer Barb helped me in way's no one will ever understand. She was such a brave and courageous woman. Now she is with God and with God she has found freedom from pain and suffering. With God and time you too shall find peace in your troubled heart's.

God Bless You All
You are still all in my prayer's
The Walker's
Mary, Chelsey & Tom

The Walker's - April 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Ann,Mark,Pharah,Kim,and Amy...
I would like to say We,are very sorry for your loss,and if there is anything I can do to help in any way,please feel free to call on me. We,along with the other Merriman residents,will remember Barb and her love for animals.It was something to see Amy walking her Goat down the road,and i especically liked the little pot-belly pig.

*our deepest sympathy
The Martin Familly*

Dennis,Anna,Ashley,and Lindsey Martin - April 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Ann,Mark,Pharrah,Kim,and Amy,

We were so sorry to hear about your loss. We hope that you can find peace in the fact that she is no longer sick, and is now resting. If we can help in any way, don't hesitate to call.

Our Deepest Sympathy,

The Jennings and Wardell Family

Chris Wardell - April 16, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Kim Amy Mark And Eveyone Else I Just Wanna Say Im Sorry For The Loss Barb Was A Great Person and She Will Be Sadly Missed By Eveyone

Amy - April 15, 2003 at 12:00 AM