



Donna Sue Houston Barman

October 2, 1935 - February 7, 2011

Donna Sue Houston Barman passed away February 7, 2011, in Plano, Texas. She was a long time resident of Plano. Donna was born to Philip Clay and Marie Houston on October 2, 1935, in Frisco, Oklahoma. She attended primary school in Eunice, New Mexico, elementary school in Imperial, Texas, junior high and high school in Andrews, Texas. She was a member of the Andrews High School Band and was a cheerleader. Donna married Robert R. Barman in Snyder, Texas, in the summer of 1955. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas. Donna was involved with the Special Olympics, where she was a member of the State Board of Directors, and State Family Committee for many years. She started and was the Chairperson for the Area 10 Family Committee. Donna was the Area 10 ALP's Facilitator since its inception. She was on the SMT Committee (Sports Management Team), Certified Coach for Plano's Swim & Triathlon Team. In 1988, her family received the Family of The Year award and in 2000, her son, Myles was named Athlete of the Year. Donna attended the World, National, and State Games. She always showed support for Myles and all of the athletes. She was a very PROUD Parent and an Awesome Volunteer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Philip and Marie Houston, and her husband, Robert R. Barman. She is survived by her children, Robert Brent Barman of Austin, Texas, and Philip Myles Barman of Plano, Texas; her brothers Philip C. Houston, Jr. of El Campo, Texas and David Lynn Houston of Houston, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 11, 2011 at Christ United Methodist Church, 3101 Coit Road, Plano, Texas 75093, with Rev. Bart Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Thursday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas 75013. Memorials may be made to the Plano Special Olympics 2306 Lawndale Place, Plano, Texas 75023.

Memorials

I grew up knowing Donna, Lynn, Clay, Phil & Marie. Our parents were good

friends. Donna was someone I always wanted to be like when I grew up. I remember she gave me one of her cheerleading skirts when I was in grade school, then she and her date took me to get a coke and drag main. She was the best, and will be missed. God bless her family.

PATRICIA KINNEY MOORE, FEBRUARY 26, 2011

I will always remember Donna's warm smile, always positive attitude and her genuine concern and care for others. I will miss her very much.

SHANE TRUITT HOGGARD, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

My condolences to the family during this difficult time. Sorry to hear of your loss. Revelation 21:3,4.

R GRAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2011

I work at The Medical Center of Plano and Donna always came in to get Blood etc. and I had the pleasure of taking her to OSU.... I am so saddened that she is gone, but I know that God has a plan for this beautiful soul. Please give my heartfelt prayers to her family and her best friend that was always by her side...He is wonderful..... Carol

CAROL RAMBO, FEBRUARY 12, 2011

We are so sorry for the loss of your mom, grandma, sister and aunt. Donna was truly a wonderful person and an inspiration for us all. We will surely miss her. We were challenged at the funeral to go out and be better people because of knowing Donna. Thank you Donna for your example of making your life count for the better. May we all go out and do the same. Howard, Sandy and John Fortsch

SANDRA J FORTSCH, FEBRUARY 12, 2011

Our prayers are with the entire Barman-Houston family.

JAMES & MISSY BECK, FEBRUARY 11, 2011

Donna was a special woman and will be greatly missed. May your faith and memories bring you comfort at this difficult time. I had the priviledge of knowing Donna through Myles and as a PISD empolyee.

LESLIE MORAN- SCHROEDER, FEBRUARY 11, 2011

well my name is james bixler and i knew Donna she is a great woman who did

the special olympics everyone loves her for the terrific job she did me and her son miles are best of friends i really like miles we are like brothers my heart goes out to Donnas family members i am Donna is still a happy woman i really liked her very much she is a great woman who has a great spirit she got me into softball and now i miss her i hope she finds piece in heaven my heart goes out to her family members i am sorry about her passing sometimes i wish she didnt have that cancer i am hurting for the family who loves Donna she will be missed she will be in our memories i hope that donna will be missed but not forgotten

JAMES R BIXLER, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Wonderful lady

ROBERT S PATRICK, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

To a wonderful lady who has been an inspiration to one and all. Donna you will now have all the young ones to help and take care of now. We will miss your lovely smile and your heart warming embrace.

KAYE HOLT, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Thank you for being my coach and supporting us.

CAMERON DILDINE, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Our hearts and prayers are with your family and friends. Myles has been lucky to have such a devoted mom! Your love shows through this wonderful young man. Thank you for all the hours you put into Special Olympics for our athletes. Swim Team will miss you! Rest in peace Donna.

DORI & BRIAN SCHAEFER, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Brent and Myles, it was a blessing to have known Donna. She was a beautiful person inside and out.

SANDI & WAYNE ILTIS, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Sorry to hear about your loss of your mother. from your coworker Laura Campbell (cashier)

LAURA ANN CAMPBELL, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Donna will be remembered in our hearts as a tireless friend and advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her love and

parenting style with her son, Myles, was an inspiration and model of excellence for us with our son. She will be missed here in our presence BUT certainly never forgotten. Our hearts go out to Myles, his brother and other family members. With deepest sympathy, Patti and Alf Levy

PATTI AND ALF LEVY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Donna was a pleasure to work with and the Special Olympics athletes were everything to her. She always had a smile on her face and was one of the most loving and giving person I knew. I will never forget when she and Bob held a BBQ at their home for all of the Special Olympics staff. She made sure Myles had every opportunity available for him to experience the world through Special Olympics. May God Bless her.

LESLIE LIZBETH HUTSON, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

The Allen Special Olympics extends our sincere sympathy to her family, the coaches and athletes of the Plano Special Olympics. Donna was a truly remarkable woman and gave her heart and soul to the athletes of Area 10.

LISA GRANTHAM, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Donna was an amazing and inspirational person. She was great strength to the Special Olympic family. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the Barman family at this difficult time. She will be deeply missed.

JULIE, BRITTANY AND BILL CAREY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Donna was a classy, caring woman and an exceptional mother...we met thru Special Olympics and she was a real firecracker! She wasn't shy about speaking her mind or cheering on her athletes...She will be deeply missed by many friends and athletes. RIP Donna, and much love to you Myles!

TERI BROWN, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Donna was an inspiration to all the young adults involved with Special Olympics! My daughter, Amy, was on the swim team, and we always enjoy speaking to Myles, when we see him hard at work at our local WalMart. Myles told me just last week that his mother was in the hospital, but we did not understand just how seriously ill she was. We are very saddened and in shock to her that she has left us. We are praying for Myles' family at this difficult

time.

BRENDA HURSIN SHADDOX, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Donna was truly a very special person. She was a wonderful friend and inspired many people. Our hearts go out to her family during this difficult time. She will be missed.

JIM, SHARON & PATRICK ROONEY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Donna was a wonderful, caring and inspirational woman. She will be deeply missed. Our hearts and prayers are with her family and friends at this very difficult time. Rest in peace Donna.

CAROL AND JIM BROSOWSKE, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

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