



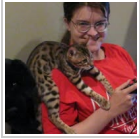
Barbara "Barb" Arnold

November 26, 1939 - December 22, 2023

Barbara (Barb) King Studebaker Arnold, 84, of Enon passed on December 22, 2023. She was born November 26, 1939, in Tipp City, Ohio to the late Phil S. and Eileen (Rhoads) Studebaker. She received her teaching certificate from Whittenburg University in Springfield, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Antioch College in Yellow Springs and a Master of Science Degree from University of Dayton, all in Ohio. She married her high school sweetheart, Herbert B. Arnold, Jr. and enjoyed 59 years together before his passing in 2018. Barb began her teaching career at Bethel School but spent 44 years teaching in the Greenon School District. She had fond memories of her years teaching 8th graders, taking the classes to Washington, D.C., leading the drama clubs at both the middle school and the high school, teaching language arts and learning about Native American History. As a mother of three she helped her sons with their Boy Scout adventures encouraging them each to reach Eagle Scout. She also led her daughter's Girl Scout Troop 188 from Brownie Scouts to Seniors and to reach the Girl Scout Gold Award. Barb enjoyed organizing and traveling with her friends and often with her husband. She was Enon Citizen of the Year in 2000, helped start and serve on the Sundial Garden Club, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution – Rebecca Galloway Chapter, a charter member of the Enon Community Historical Society, on the Hertzler House Advisory Committee and a member of the Studebaker Family National Association. She was part of the Fairborn Arts Association and served as a docent at the Frank Lloyd Wright Wescott House

in Springfield and Cox Arboretum. She enjoyed writing poems, scripts and authored over 10 books. Barbara is survived by her children, Mark and Kathy of Enon, Ohio, Micque & Chuck Brickson of West Des Moines, Iowa, and Matt & Katrina of Centerville, Ohio; five grandchildren: April, Geena (Dane), Brad (Rachel), Sarah (Brian), David and six great-grandchildren: Colton, Allie, Paige, Sam, Lydia and Caleb (b. 2/24), her brother Todd (Pat) Studebaker of Fairfield, OH, sister Debby Studebaker-Stewart of Sarasota, FL, sister-in-law Lisa Studebaker of Dawsonville, GA, nieces and nephews: Michael Doherty, Shane (Mary) Studebaker, Shannon Studebaker, Dax (Shelley) Studebaker, and Mandy (Doug) Flinn, many great-niece and nephews, as well as numerous friends, former students and neighbors who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert B. Arnold, Jr., brother, Terry Studebaker and brother-in-law, Richard (Dick) Stewart. Adkins Funeral Home, Enon will be assisting Barb's family with her final wishes. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Springfield Foundation, Hertzler House Endowment Fund, 333 N. Limestone, Springfield, OH 45503 or to OSUCCC – James, 460 W. 10th Ave, Columbus, OH 43210

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs Arnold was my first "favorite teacher" and was a huge influence on me with her above and beyond encouragement of my creative writing endeavors. I wish I'd had the courage to join drama club before my senior year, because getting to interact with her there was also a delight.

If her family should happen to find among her belongings a lead dragon figurine, painted gold and possibly still with its green Swarovski crystal eyes intact, just know that I made it especially for her while dabbling with my metal casting kit. I remember bursting in on her unexpectedly in her classroom near the end of last period - I really shouldn't have been there, came in through the back door which was right near her room, ah what a simpler time that was - and presenting it to her in front of her class as a surprise gift. As for me, I have hanging on my living room wall a Barb Arnold original painting that I'll always treasure.

She was a grand lady who touched so many lives, and so she'll live on forever through all of us.

Susan Goodfellow - January 03, 2024 at 04:43 PM

MR

“ Barbara was so much fun. She was extremely creative and shared her talent with her loving family and friends. The Rebecca Galloway Chapter, DAR ladies are very proud of her legacy. We will really miss her. Love, Love, Love. Marti Riddle

Martha Riddle - January 02, 2024 at 11:19 AM

K'

“ God must have needed somebody with energy, enthusiasm, and organization, because Mrs. Arnold excelled at all three. Whenever I think of my high school band years, she always comes to mind, demonstrating how a truly exemplary volunteer rolls up her sleeves and helps everyone, everywhere. Thanks for being a role model to so many of us. Countless children at schools across the US and beyond have benefited from what you taught us all. Condolences to Mark, Micque, Matt, and their families; I know you'll miss her.

Kim Scott, GHS '80 - December 27, 2023 at 01:28 PM

MB

“ My dear friend, you were the sister I never had. We had so much fun for so many years. I miss you so much. You helped so many young people at IV and Greenon and at the Historical Danial Hertzler House at our Day Camp. They had experiences they would never have had. Rest in peace my sweet , wonderful Dragon Lady friend.

Maly Bucy - December 27, 2023 at 12:52 PM

D9

“ Soar with the dragons now Mrs A. Whether it be Bold or Crocker, I'll forever be your Billy. And you'll always be my favorite. 🥹

Deron Detwiler, class of 91 - December 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM

LH

“ I will always think of Barb as we enjoyed working together on different projects. We were members of different art clubs and when barb was on the same group it was always more fun. Barb you will be greatly missed..

LH - December 24, 2023 at 04:03 PM

ST

“ Shared this on social media and would like to share it here:

I am grateful for the life of Barbara Arnold, middle school English teacher and director of the Greenon High School drama club, who passed away Friday at age 84.

In recent years, I have often wondered how she did it—spent all day teaching at Indian Valley Middle School, then drove to the high school to cast, produce, and direct dramas and musicals in a school district with ZERO theatre or drama classes for a rough, undisciplined gaggle of obnoxious and energetic high schoolers... once again, after teaching middle school all day long. I continue to forget she did the same for the middle school plays.

Barb Arnold was the only exposure to any kind of theatre or drama that we had in our underfunded district where the levy never passed, the schools had no special classes or programs.

In her middle school English classroom, she kept the Dragonlance Chronicles and Legends, brand new then, which she offered to any kid with an interest. She introduced us to A Wizard of Earthsea, by Ursula K. LeGuin.

From my earliest years, I wanted to be an actor. I also loved fantasy and Dungeons & Dragons. Barb Arnold made a place for those things in a tiny town in rural Ohio where those things would not otherwise have existed in the mid-to-late 1980s.

When I went into theatre at university, I felt embarrassment and humiliation for my lack of understanding of basic acting tools like monologues. I didn't even know what they were, and it was a painful struggle. Eventually, I went off into the world and lived my dream. Worked at some of the best regional theaters in the country, did commercial work, joined SAG, toured the US and Canada for a few years performing Shakespeare, worked with the best of the best in Chicago's improv and sketch scene. Left all that and worked on

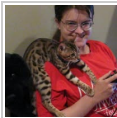
D&D for several years, which was really just a continuation of my theatre work, but on paper—structuring gamified dramas for others.

Drama club was the one school activity I was truly invested in. Without Barb Arnold, I would not have even been in a play.

I still read A Wizard of Earthsea every few years and think back on Mrs. Arnold's classroom, where we first read "The Loosing of the Shadow."

We lived in a rural community surrounded by flatland and cornfields. Barbara Arnold filled it with color and music and magic and dragons. She didn't have to, but she did. That's what heroes do.

Steven Townshend - December 24, 2023 at 06:56 AM



Beautiful tribute, Steve. She was a treasure.

Susan Goodfellow - January 03, 2024 at 04:43 PM

JA

“ i will always remember Barbara Arnold as a great teacher, friend, co-worker that always appreciated what ever i did for her. She was the kindest person i was glad to know and i was always glad to help her with any needs she might need. She always spoke highly of me because i was in a clean uniform and she knew i took my job seriously and done it with the greatest pride. I will never forget her and proud to call her my friend. May you rest in peace my friend. Your school custodian and friend, Jordan (Buck) Ashley

Jordan (Buck) Ashley - December 23, 2023 at 07:24 PM

EC

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Barb at the historical society this year when I started volunteering. She was special, loved to laugh and share stories on her family. Rest in peace, my friend.

Emma Carol Conley - December 23, 2023 at 02:21 PM

LM

“ Barb was the best! She had such a great sense of humor and loved her students. She was a teacher beyond the classroom. She will be missed.

Lauri Rader McCutcheon - December 23, 2023 at 01:43 PM