



Jackie Ruth Barry

August 23, 1941 - December 5, 2020

Jackie Ruth Coffee Barry, 79, died early on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, surrounded by family.

Jackie was born in Loraine, Texas, Aug. 23, 1941, to Samuel Jackson and Winnie Iona Coffee. She married Thomas Patrick Barry III on June 6, 1970, at her family home in Loraine. After their wedding, Tom, Jackie, and their son Jim made their home in Austin for the past 50 years.

Jackie attended the then Abilene Christian College and graduated from Draughn's Business School as a court reporter. She enjoyed her career as a legal secretary and was blessed to work for her long-time boss and cherished friend, attorney Bob Roberts, for more than 30 years.

She was most proud of her son, Jim.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Winnie Coffee, and Tom's parents, Thomas Patrick Barry Jr., and Emily Dulaney Barry.

She is survived by her husband, Tom, her constant companion, champion and caretaker during her battle with ALS; her son Jim and his fiancée Kerri Curcoe of Buda; granddaughter Bonnie and husband Cody Rouquette of Dripping Springs; great-grandson Otis Samuel Rouquette and her great-granddaughter Winnie Bea Rouquette, born in July, for whom she had been waiting to meet and enjoy; sister Nancy and husband Gary Vannoy of Abilene, niece Whitney and husband Brandon Mascorro and their children Mac, Cooper, Reese and Drew of Abilene; and niece JoLynn and husband Shea Posey and their children Jackson and Camden of San Antonio; and her uncle Gaylord McCollum, as well as many cousins and special friends.

Jackie's family remembers her as quick to take charge and take care of her loved ones. All who knew and loved her are inspired by the courage and joy with which she faced ALS.

The family would like to thank everyone who has walked this journey with them through Jackie's devastating illness. Special thanks go to Dr. Carlyne Jackson and staff of UT Health San Antonio; the ALS Association of Texas and its staff, particularly Michelle Miller and Jennifer Beckett; Paragon Infusion and staff, Texas Home Health hospice care and its nurses and home health aides, and everyone associated with Jackie's River Rats in fundraising efforts to find a cure for ALS.

<https://fundraising.alstexas.org/jackie-barry>

Memorials may be made in Jackie's name to the non-profit ALS Association Texas Chapter <https://www.alstexas.org/donate/> . Due to COVID restrictions, a memorial will be held at a later date. Please remember the life and light of Jackie with your thoughts and prayers.

Comments



“ I first met Jackie at Curves in Oak Hill. All that met her, were immediately drawn to her friendliness. I had never seen her without a smile on her face. As she battled this terrible disease, she never wavered from that beautiful smile. She was a true fighter, and an inspiration to all who knew her.. she will be missed by so many. My heartfelt condolences to Tom, Jim, Bonnie and all of her family.
Rickie Leonard

Rickie Leonard - January 14 at 03:17 PM



“ Jackie was a dear friend that I met while exercising at Curves. She was always upbeat and always had a smile on her face no matter the circumstances. I am so glad that I had the privilege of knowing Jackie. My sympathy to the family. Happy Almaguer

Happy Almaguer - December 31, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Jackie was a true friend and a wonderful person. We started going to church together at the age of three and went from first grade through twelfth at Loraine. She was always special and upbeat and will be a pleasant and warm memory forever.
Love, Melba

Melba Wilkes - December 27, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ How Jackie loved our Curves group. She was always so happy when we were together be it exercising or at lunches. The time we came to your home, you could tell she was so proud to have us there. She will be so missed by many but was a true example of joy while battling such a retched disease. Her courage and fight should be an example for all of us. My prayers go out to Tom and the extended family in your loss. May you find peace in the wonderful memories as we Curves girls will.

Marsha Hughes - December 22, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Jackie was the sister I never had and I loved her dearly. We didn't know when we didn't know each other. We were born in the same hospital and played together, started in first grade together & have been together every chance we got! She was my hero during her valiant fight with ALS. I'm glad she is out of her misery but will miss her forever. RIP, dear best friend..... I will miss you so much. Love, Sarah

Sarah Zetzman - December 21, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ I have very fond memories of Jackie as an exercise companion at Curves in Oakhill, then as a friend in our lunch group. She had an optimistic spirit that was on full display during her struggle with ALS. I was so proud of her family for their support of her through the River Rats as they raised money to end ALS. Jackie was a joy to know. I send my deep condolences to Tom and the family. Myra Allison



Myra Allison - December 21, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ Jackie was an amazing warrior against a dreadful disease. I can't remember ever seeing her without that beautiful smile on her face. She was an inspiration to all of us at our Curves and lunch bunch gatherings, and even when she was beginning to be ill, she continued to do the organizing and communication needed to keep the group connected. She was a joy to all of us, and I miss her. Sincerest condolences to Tom and the family.

Barbara Mittanck January 9, 2021

Barbara Mittanck - January 09 at 12:32 PM