



REMEMBERING

Barbara Gabrielle Zinn

April 20, 1958 - September 22, 2018



Devoted mother and wife, cherished daughter, sister, caregiver and friend.

Suddenly, tragically and unpredictably, Barbara Gabrielle Zinn, 60, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018. She was surrounded by family, who shared memories and stories before saying goodbye and auf wiedersehen as Barbara went home to Jesus.

Barbara was born on April 20, 1958 and grew up in Vancouver, B.C., with her mother Margaret {deceased}, her younger brother Peter and her stepfather Mihaly {deceased}. From an early age, she had a nurturing personality and a loving smile. Her caring nature led her to the Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing. Children were her passion and she soon started working at Children's Hospital, as well as the pediatric unit at Mount Saint Joseph Hospital and the Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children.

While attending the young adults group at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Barbara met Paul Zinn and the two fell in love. They got married the day before her birthday in 1980. Eight years later, she gave birth to their son, Jacob, followed by the birth of their daughter, Carleigh, four years after.

"We have a one in a million family," Barbara said, "because we were blessed with both a boy and a girl."

Barbara was one of the first nurses in an East Vancouver Health Unit pilot project to provide overnight home nursing care for children of single parents. She continued to provide a variety of home nursing services for children while working for ParaMed and Bayshore, exceeding her responsibilities by personally enhancing the lives of her many clients and their families.

She worked long nights and would come home to sleep for an hour before getting

her own children ready for school. Despite her active schedule, she was extremely organized, and thoughtful. She would buy Christmas and birthday presents months, even years in advance, for her family and others. She was always prepared to make others happy, as she put everyone before herself.

She will forever be fondly remembered by her husband Paul, children Jacob and Carleigh, and countless relatives, friends, colleagues and client families, for her dedication to helping others and warming their hearts. Barbara was love.

A memorial service will be held at Peace Portal Alliance Church, 15128 27b Ave, Surrey BC on Saturday, November 17th at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to World Vision at <https://donate.worldvision.ca/products/memory> or BC Children's Hospital Foundation at <https://secure.bcchf.ca/donate/donation-New.cfm?Tribute=Yes> or charity of your choice.

