

Family and Friends,

It is with great sorrow that I must tell you Barbara Ann passed away Friday evening, 1 December 2000, at 11:15. She fought a gallant battle and surpassed by far the expectations of her physicians. But in the end that insidious leukemia had its way and she was taken. Barb's interment will be this Thursday at the El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego, California.

She survived more than a year and a half after being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) on 12 May 1999. Barb had three unsuccessful chemotherapy treatments and a fourth treatment that was only approved by the FDA this fall. She returned home from the last treatment on 2 November but just did not recover from her hospital stay. Instead of gaining strength and getting better as before, she got weaker with each passing day. Finally, she could no longer compete with the disease and God called her home.

We appreciate all the prayers that were generated by the many people who know and love Barb. We truly believe it was because of her faith and your prayers that she was able to last so long. Often I have wondered why she was chosen to be tried in such a way and one day these lines popped out of my head:

“God's Angels are unruly
they're getting out of hand.
Just a little, mind you
the way that Angels can.
His solution isn't simple
it's hard for us to understand.
He needs an Angel supervisor
He's calling Barbara Ann.”

Barb provided inspiration and courage to all of us and now she is reaping the rewards of all the good things she has done. She's where she always wanted to be, with her Lord, and I think she is happy with the new arrangement.

Barb's wish is that any donations in her name from the funeral would go to the Flotilla 16-05 USCG Academy scholarship fund titled “Weamer USCGA Scholarship.” If anyone wishes to donate, please make your check payable to “USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 16-05.” Send them to me,

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and I will get them to the Flotilla Commander and into the scholarship fund. Please consider this to be informational for those who are so inclined, and not a request for donations from everyone.

Thank you all for your encouragement and kind words and deeds during the past year and a half. They mean more than you will ever know and shows again the importance of family and friends. It would have been an especially tough row to hoe alone.

In closing, let me caution you to take nothing for granted, do not go to bed angry, and live each day to its fullest. You truly do not know which day will be your last.

Take care and God bless...Jim