

Sack

Funeral services for Barbara Ann Sack, 52, were held Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Kevin Wood officiating.

She was born June 5, 1954 in the University of Nebraska Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, the daughter of C. Duane and Donna Manchester Sack. She died on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at her residence in Houston.

At the age of 12, she and her family moved to Livingston. Barb attended school in Livingston and graduated from its high school in 1972. She went on to Stephen F. Austin University, obtaining majors in drama, English and education. She started her teaching career in the Forest Brook School District, staying at M.B. Smiley High School 30 years until her unexpected death.

Her 'kids' were her prime interest above everything else. She wanted all of them to be happy, successful people. She integrated into her lessons not only the required subject matter but also manners, citizenship, job responsibility, and, above all, concern for others. She loved theater, emulating her favorite high school teacher, Florence Crosby. The 'play' was the thing and the productions, all of them, was work she adored. She was known as an expert in her field and was head of her departments, formulating numerous curriculums. She was a mentor for teachers across the state and winner of many drama awards.

Barb was one of four daughters and known as the loudest of four loud girls. Family members say everything about her was loud: her hair, her voice, her opinion, her dogs and her presence. Some took that volume as obnoxious and disruptive, but they missed someone special by not listening. Her loudness was a learned way of communicating her overwhelming desire to make sure you knew she cared about whatever was taking place in her life.

She was preceded in death by her father, Duane Sack; grandfather, Nell Sack and Agnes Sack; great-aunts, Frieda Mason and Helen Miller; and her niece, Laurah Paul.

Survivors include her mother, Donna Sack; sisters, Mary Dodd, Cathey Rocadas and husband Antonio Rocadas and Geri Paul, and husband, Steve Paul; nephews, Steven and Matt Dodd; aunt and uncle, Frances and Al Taylor; and first cousins, Debbie Schmadeke, Sherry Cooper and Kit cooper.

Cochran Funeral Home, Livingston, was in charge of arrangements.