



Rebecca A. Barrow

February 12, 1942 - October 30, 2016

Mattoon, IL – Rebecca A. Barrow, age 74, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 11:30 p.m., Sunday, October 30, 2016, at the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL.

The graveside service in her honor will begin at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, November 5, 2016, at Branchside Cemetery, Gays, IL. Reverend Robert Clark will officiate. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938.

Born February 12, 1942, in Mattoon, IL, Rebecca was the daughter of Cecil R. and Virginia (Fleenor) Barrow. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include two cousins, Alice Deininger of Decatur, IL, and Rita Getz and husband James of McHenry, IL; and close family friends, Bruce and Jo Daily of Mattoon, IL.

Rebecca was a member of the National Honor Society and Valedictorian of her high school class. She graduated from Millikin University in 1963 Summa cum laude and received a Bachelor of Music degree. She was also presented the Erna Pritchett Memorial award for being the highest ranking woman in her class. She received her Master of Science degree from Juilliard School of Music in New York City on May 28, 1965. She won the Fulbright-Hays award to study in Italy for one year and attended the Italian Summer Session at the Accademia Musical Chigians in Siena, Italy for three summers.

Rebecca gave numerous concerts throughout her career. She served on the faculty at the North Carolina School of Arts in Winston-Salem, North Carolina

for nearly 30 years before retiring back in Mattoon, IL.

Rebecca loved her music and birds.

Memorials in her honor may be made to Branchside Cemetery, Gays, IL.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with her family.

Cemetery Details

Branchside Cemetery

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Gays, IL 61928

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rebecca A. Barrow*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *She was absolutely wonderful. She was my secondary instrument instructor -the obligatory piano classes at (U)NCSA. They were some of my favorite classes. It hurts to hear she passed.*

SherLeon Foster - October 02, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *I just learned of Rebecca's passing. She was my teacher at the North Carolina School of the Arts, and the best teacher I had! I was an organ major and was later ordained a Roman Catholic priest. She came to my first Mass in 2002 and that was the last time I saw her. I am not really sure why I started looking for her whereabouts. The School of the Arts was a better place because of the presence of this kind soul, as was the world. May she rest in peace.*
Rev. Robert Ferguson

Fr. Robert Ferguson - January 19, 2017 at 09:50 PM



“ *Becky McQuilling lit a candle in memory of Rebecca A. Barrow*



Becky McQuilling - January 16, 2017 at 10:02 PM



“ *I only just found out about Becky's passing. She was truly one of the kindest and sweetest human being's I have ever known. She taught both myself and my sister, piano and ever so kindly agreed to accompany me in several recitals. I truly loved her as a beautiful soul and I am so sorry that I could not have said more, sooner.*

Becky Yancey McQuilling

Becky McQuilling - January 16, 2017 at 09:53 PM



“ *Carl J. HALPERIN lit a candle in memory of Rebecca A. Barrow*



Carl J. HALPERIN - December 07, 2016 at 02:12 PM

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“ I have only just been informed of Becky's passing in a letter sent to me by Bruce Daily.

I am so terribly saddened to hear this news, as I have known Becky since 1977, when I enrolled at the N.C. School of the Arts as a music major. Becky was my piano teacher and, later, my regular accompanist. We performed a number of recitals together in those years.

We had much in common: though I live in NC, I am from Chicago, our birthdays are one day apart, we both have been diagnosed with renal disease, and we both have had Winston-Salem, NC, and many people there to talk about. I just mailed Becky a holiday card, in fact.

She was a lovely, kind soul, and I will miss hearing from her. My heartfelt condolences to you all, friends and family alike.

*Carl J. Halperin
Raleigh, NC*

Carl Halperin - December 06, 2016 at 03:20 PM

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“ Martha L. Teachey lit a candle in memory of Rebecca A. Barrow



Martha L. Teachey - November 20, 2016 at 01:36 PM

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“ I knew Rebecca in high school and saw her talent and realized she would be very successful. I remember how she could play a piano and how amazing it was. I am impressed by all she accomplished. I am blessed to have known her.

Gary Groff - November 07, 2016 at 04:33 PM

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“ I was privileged to hear Rebbeccca in Mattoon High as I was there in the 50s. I really loved her music. We will really miss her. Also she was always so beautiful. I pray for the family and that she Jesus as her Savior. I would love to have a copy of some of her music. God Bless all of you.! The picture of her in the newspaper is such a beautiful picture of her.

Patricia Davis (Davis) - November 02, 2016 at 01:26 PM