



Barbara Huggins Stoddard

November 5, 1928 - August 24, 2005

Barbara Huggins Stoddard, 76, beloved wife of Wilbur R. Stoddard for 55 years, died Wednesday August 24, 2005 at her home in Newington. Born in Bridgeport, she has been a Newington resident since 1967. Barbara received a Masters Degree in Education from the Teachers College in New Britain now CCSU, and was employed at John Patterson Elementary School in Newington for over 30 years until her retirement in 1998. She was a member of Wellspring Church formerly Kensington Baptist Church; the Quilting Club in Newington; the American Legion Auxiliary in Newington; and had a passion for painting, crossword puzzles, and playing cards.

Besides her husband Wilbur R. Stoddard, she is survived by three sons, William J. Stoddard and his wife Mary of Oxford; Timothy Stoddard and his wife Jennifer of Hebron; and Daniel Stoddard and his wife Jacqueline of Twin Cities, Minnesota; a daughter, Susan Stough and her husband Louis of Bowie, Maryland; a brother, William Huggins and his wife Florence of Clinton; 10 grandchildren; a niece and two nephews.

A funeral service will be held Saturday 10 AM at Wellspring Church formerly Kensington Baptist Church, 222 Lincoln Street, Kensington, followed by burial in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours will be held Friday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3300 East Sunrise Drive,

Tucson, AZ 85718-3208.

Please share a memory of Barbara with her family on our online guestbook by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

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“ We were most saddened to read of Barbara's passing away. She taught both of our children. Barbara was a wonderful teacher and a kind person. I'm sure all of you will miss her greatly.

*The Lerche Family
Pat, Richard, Cynthia, and Ken*

Pat Lerche - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Barbara's Family,
It was with great pleasure that I had Barbara in the Oil Painting class that I teach at the Newington Senior & Disabled Center! She was a very gifted painter and so talented in many ways, including quilting. Barbara was one of the kindest people I have ever met. She gave me a beautiful quilted heart that she made, which I will always cherish. I will greatly miss her. My Very Deepest Sympathy, Fran Judycki

Fran Judycki - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked with Barbara at John Paterson for 7 years but I did not know her very well until I retired. She was coming into my room to teach 2nd grade. I told her I had a lot of stuff and I did not know what she might want and what I should throw away. The happiest words to me were, "Just leave it; I'll come in during the summer and take what I want and throw away the rest." I was very relieved and appreciative because I find cleaning out like that extremely difficult.

I did very much admire her and her wonderful attitude all through her illness. The only consolation is that she is at peace now.

Sally Ann Collins - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ I first met Barbara & Wilber more than 20 years ago when we were attending Bethel Alliance Church together. Barb & Wil were on the social committee and I remember going bowling & the best pot-luck suppers.

In many ways through the years she has been a spiritual mother to me, and many, many times she has prayed for my family, counseling me about teenagers when to hold my tongue, when to speak.

Quilting is another common interest that we shared. Barb helped get me started, always encouraged me. Colors & problems & patterns, oh my!

Barb knew so much about so many things, and was always interested in what was going on. Kinship group often turned into a history lesson of sorts or a travelogue when Barb's health would no longer allow her to manage the stairs to make kinship, she opened HER home to our group. And there we met for the next few years. 'The cotton tops' as we called our selves. How she did it I don't know. But many times as I would be trying to work out a bible question, I would get lost while staring at one of Barbara's paintings. So beautiful ! Secretly, I always envied her artistic talent

And at Christmas we would sing, with Sylvia playing, Martha, & Dorothy, Nancy, & Ed, Wilbur, Gracie Sr., Irene, Gracie Jr. And we'd laugh, and eat lots of cookies.

My life has been made richer for having had Barbara in it. She was a rare and very special person. Barb set the standard high, as a mom and a wife and a Christian. I know I don't make the mark but I'll try. I will miss her, always. But she will remain in my heart, along with the rest of the gang, 'till we meet again. where we will never part. with love

Mrs MaryJane Plaza - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM