



Sister Barbara Brown, SC

Entered eternal life on May 3, 2023

My sister-in-law Barbara always loved God, her community, her students, family and animals. These are some of our favorite memories of Barbara: Her nephews remember going to the beach with her and her dog and scaring her by swimming out too far. Mark and Danny remember when she took them on a trip to the circus where they enjoyed a fried chicken dinner that they thought their aunt Barbara had cooked that rivaled their mom's, until they found the KFC bucket in the garbage. Her nephew Christopher remembers birthday parties she threw for her dogs including party hats. Mark has a vivid memory of one hot summer when he decided to trim her dog Laddie's hair. He ended up shaving him. Shortly after, he found out Barbara was coming home and figured she would not be happy so he decided he should leave town. I should mention he was approximately fifteen

years old, too young to drive, so he walked to Nanna's house, 28 miles away! When Barbara finally saw Laddie, she was not mad, she was instead glad he was comfortable. My children remember vacations at our house, Barbara enjoyed the pool and trips to the Chinese food restaurant. Later when Barbara was at the Villa, a sister who had a cat went on to be with the Lord. So, Barbara requested to move into the cat's room to take care of him. God also blessed her with birds, which she took care of, named, and even taught how to ring a bell. Sister Elizabeth even shared with me that Barbara would keep score. God puts people in our lives to help us, and when Barbara was in McCauley Hall, that person to give love and care to her was Jenny Arroyo. Jenny went above and beyond, and I can't thank her enough.

The day before Barbara went home to heaven, a song came on the radio called "Running Home" by the band Cochran and Company. Part of the lyrics say, "When God calls my name, I'm not going to walk, I'm gonna go running home". I knew that was going to Barbara, running, not walking. I believe she heard the words "well done". We all look forward to being together one day. Thank you all.

Reflection by Linda Brown
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