

Full-time Grossmont College English instructor and Creative Writing instructor, 1965-1999.

Judith C. Barkley

Obituaries

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Judith C. Barkley, 72, of San Diego, CA, died at home on July 7, 2013, after a long illness.

Judy was born in Cherokee, IA, on December 28, 1940, to O.K. "Jack" Barkley and Inez (Fredenburg) Barkley. After graduating from Marion H.S. in 1958, Judy earned a B.A. degree at Philips University in Enid, OK. While teaching English at a small Iowa junior high school, Judy decided to begin graduate school and ultimately earned a Master's Degree in English at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, TX.

Enticed by a job offer from Grossmont Community College in San Diego, CA, Judy made her permanent home here in San Diego and taught various English and literature courses at Grossmont for over 35 years. Never one to stop broadening her horizons, Judy continued to pursue her own personal educational interests through additional college course work and eventually received a Master's Degree in Counseling from San Diego State University. Among her many interests, writing poetry was an important and heartfelt labor of love that led to a number of published works. Judy enjoyed a lively and interesting circle of friends who loved both entertaining at home and dining out together, antique shopping, and traveling in and outside the U.S. Rescuing older cats was also a lifelong passion.

Judy is survived by a sister, Barbara Barkley, Marion, IA (Jim Klipping), cousins Donna Stanford, Spencer, IA, Jolene (Robert) Gear, and Finland and Dennis (Pegi) Stanford of Washington, DC. Judy is also survived by her stepmother, Lucille Barkley, and stepbrothers, Russell and Richard Royce of Cedar Rapids, IA.

Barkley, Judith C. (In Memoriam)

Judith C. Barkley, 72, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Marion, died peacefully at her home on July 7, 2013. A Celebration of Life will be Friday, July 12, in San Diego.

Judith "Judy" was born in Cherokee, Iowa on Dec. 28, 1940, to O.K. "Jack" Barkley and Inez (Fredenburg) Barkley. Judy graduated from Marion High School in 1958 and from Phillips University in Enid, Okla., with a BA degree. After teaching a year of junior high school English, she realized it wasn't the challenge or career she hoped for. Judy set off for Texas Christian University to pursue a master's degree in English. While still in school at TCU, Judy was offered a teaching position at Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif.

Never one to stop broadening her horizons, Judy attended many different college classes over the years. Judy's father, Jack, teased her that once she started Kindergarten, she never quit going to school. Judy did earn a master's degree in counseling from San Diego State University in the 1990s.

Judy's teaching career spanned over 35 years at Grossmont before retiring due to declining health.

Judy is survived by a sister, Barbara Barkley (Jim Klipping) of Marion; special cousins, Donna Stanford of Spencer, Jolene (Robert) Gear, of Finland and Dennis (Pegi) Stanford of Washington, D.C. Judy is also survived by her stepmother, Lucille Barkley, and stepbrothers, Russell and Richard Royce of Cedar Rapids.

According to Judy's wishes, she was cremated. Burial will be determined at a later date.

Barkley, Judith Carol**B.S. 1962**

D.O.D 07/07/2013 - Judith Carol Barkley was born in Cherokee, Iowa, on December 28, 1940, to O. K. "Jack" and Inez Barkley. After graduating from Marion High School in 1958, Judy came to Phillips where she earned a B.S. degree in 1959. She went on to earn an M.A. degree from Texas Christian University in 1965 and an M.S. degree in Counseling from San Diego University in 1975.

She taught English at a small Iowa junior high school for a while and then got her master's degree. Enticed by a job offer from Grossmont Community College in San Diego, California, Judy made her permanent home there in San Diego and taught various English, writing, and literature courses at Grossmont for over 35 years.

One of the original members of the Creative Writing program at Grossmont, Judy Barkley taught creative non-fiction writing and oversaw production of *Cowles Mountain Journal*, a counter-part to Verena Anderson's *Firstdraft*, which opened its submissions to CA community college's faculty and staff. *Cowles Mountain Journal* ceased production in 1997 and Judy retired two years later, in 1999.

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