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but an event to be

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*In Loving Memory*

*Dr. Barbara Katherine Heard,*

*09/29/1940 - 08/21/2020*



Barbara Katherine Heard, Ed.D., of Kirksville, Missouri passed away at her home on Saturday August 22, 2020.

She was born on Sunday, September 29, 1940 the daughter of James and Katherine (Lush) Nale in Detroit Michigan.

Barbara's family settled in Clarksville, Tennessee and this is where she spent most of her childhood. She graduated from Clarksville High School in 1958 and enrolled that Fall at Austin Peay also in Clarksville, Tennessee. At Austin Peay she performed with the marching band as a member of the Governettes. She moved abroad to Germany for a few years, developed her love of history and a few great friends. When she returned from Germany she continued her education graduating from the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, SD, with an Ed.D. in Psychology. In 1978 she joined the Education Faculty at Northeast Missouri State University which later became Truman State University. She enjoyed her career devoting twenty-seven years to training students in Special Education and retired from Truman State University in 2005.

At the Golden Spike in Kirksville she met her travel companion, ostler and love of her life, John T. Heard, Jr. They were united in marriage on October 30, 1981 and enjoyed their days together. She loved to travel and they enjoyed life and all that it provided. They traveled around the world and some of her favorite places were Florence, Istanbul and visiting her friends in Germany.

Barbara had a true love for horses and her dogs and even raised dogs to help support her way through college. She loved to ride her horses and enjoyed trail riding around their home along with traveling to various places to ride with friends and family. Barbara was kind, compassionate, easy going, full of adventure and she touched many lives.

Barbara Katherine was preceded in death by her two sisters Virginia Hill and Marilyn Melton. She is survived by her husband John T. Heard, Jr. of their home in Kirksville, Missouri; one sister; Margaret and Jay Clutter of Sardinia Ohio; three special nieces Jessica Clutter, Kathy Sue Melton and Lori Hill along with many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Barbara's wishes were for a simple eco-friendly cremation and no services.

Memorials in her honor are suggested to The Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences, memories, and photos can be shared and flowers orders at [www.asimplifiedfuneralsolution.com](http://www.asimplifiedfuneralsolution.com)

*In Memory Of*

*Dr. Barbara Katherine*



*Date of Birth*

September 29, 1976

*Date of Death*

August 22nd, 2020