



Barta Howse

October 13, 1934 - March 3, 2025

Barta Lou Nymeyer Howse, 90, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, March 3, 2025. Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Barta's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Graveside services are scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 10:00 AM at South Park Cemetery in Roswell, New Mexico. Per Mrs. Howse, there will be no visitation.

Barta Howse was born on October 13, 1934, in Carlsbad, New Mexico, to Bart A. and Beulah Paris Nymeyer. She attended grades 1 through 8 at Loving Elementary School and graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1952. She attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales for the school year of 1952-1953. In 1954, she married Alton Howse, and together they raised two sons, Gary Wayne and Patrick Allen, and one daughter, Mary Kathryn. In 1963, Mrs. Howse began her lifelong career as a registrar for both the Roswell and Portales campuses of Eastern New Mexico University, and she retired in 1993.

Barta is survived by her daughter Kathryn Mounts and Russell Berglund of Roswell, New Mexico, her son, Pat, and his wife Dana Tucker Howse of Dexter, New Mexico; grandchildren, Tiffany and Ryon Huizenga of Chetek, Wisconsin, Brandon and Amy Garnett Howse of San Antonio, Texas, Jessica

Mounts Harris and Brandan Harris, and Tracy Mounts, Heather and Chris Meinzer of Lubbock, Texas, and Dustin Berglund of Lubbock, Texas; great-grandchildren, Paisley Huizenga, Claire Huizenga, Everett Howse, Kaitlyn Howse, Madison Howse, Bennett Howse, Brooke Cunningham, Haylen Oldani, Hudson Foster, Jaxon Meinzer, Callan Meinzer; nephews, Steve Howse and Roger Howse and their families; and several Nymeyer and Paris cousins.

Mrs. Howse is preceded in death by her husband, Alton Howse; her parents, B.A. and Beulah Nymeyer; son, Gary Wayne, and his wife, Patricia McGuire Howse; grandson, Christopher Wayne Howse; and niece, Vicky Moss.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the charity of your choice in her name.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ I worked many years ago with Barta at ENMUR Registrar's office. She was such a joy to work with plus a wonderful mentor. You could always count on Barta to make you smile as well as provide you support and guidance. She taught me so much about work and life. God bless you Barta. You and Alton are reunited now. Prayers to your family.

Leslie McMinn - April 12, 2025 at 10:19 PM

LS

“ I got to know Barta in the mid 1990s when we both enjoyed being in the Little Mermaids Club swimming each summer morning for years. She was the faithful keeper of the keys to let us in each morning. I'll never forget the morning she forgot to change her shoes before she left the house and discovered she was still wearing her leather, sheepskin lined house shoes in the water. We laughed and laughed together. She was good at laughing at herself.

She was also a great supporter of the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry that serves those in need in Dexter, Hagerman and Lake Arthur for the last 19 years. Her donations made a difference in many hungry tummies!

I will miss her quick wit and daily visits at the Hagerman JOY Center. She always had a story to contribute to the conversations over a good meal.

Fly high Barta Lou! I will see you down the road.

LeeAnn Sandoval

LeeAnn Sandoval - March 13, 2025 at 10:36 AM

SA

“ I met Barta when I joined the Joy Writers group. I enjoyed her contributions and comments for the years that I was in Roswell. RIP Barta

sandra j allensworth - March 11, 2025 at 01:01 AM

EM

“ Barta Howse joined the JOY Writers years ago at the encouraging of June Bible and Margaret Reid. Both those wonderful women went to their rewards before Barta. They must be having one heck of a reunion over in Glory.

Barta was smart, sharp, and feisty. I admired her direct and honest responses to the work she read in the group. She was never afraid to say, “Well, that just didn’t make much sense to me.” That kind of honesty isn’t offered all the time. Not everyone has the courage or ethics it requires to do that. Though Barta was direct, she was never mean. She had a loving and sympathetic heart. She made friends with every writer in the group, and we are all going to miss her terribly. I want to thank her family for loaning her to us.

*With love,
Eva McCollaum*

Eva McCollaum - March 10, 2025 at 06:52 PM

CS

“ I first met Barta when I was enrolling in nursing school at ENMUR. Barta helped me through the admissions process, and suggested I apply for some financial aid. She personally filled out all the forms. That was 1971. My mom followed me through nursing school, and she and Barta became fast friends. Both of them were raised on remote places, and shared stories. Later, in our retirement, Barta and my mom decided it was time to share their life stories in print. Barta's dry wit and groundedness have been so important to me. I will miss here twinkling smile, and good-naturedness, and most of all, Mom and I will miss her friendship. A life well lived, dear Barta.
Carolyn Sidd and Barbara Corn Patterson

Carolyn Sidd - March 10, 2025 at 03:09 PM

BC

“ I will miss her so. She had a way of frankness that centered me and nurtured me. Her sense of humor and delight in life, blessed me often.
I remember once, when we were meeting in church and acting a bit peckish, she stood up and said that was enough. She smiled and left. She didn't stop loving us, just didn't want to put up with us. I think of that often when I open my mouth to argue needlessly. Recently, one woman in the writers' group brought her baby, and Barta watched and teased and played with the baby so much that Barta had to take the submission home because she hadn't heard a word. I got as much of a kick at Barta playing with the baby as Barta got from the little one.

Beverly Coots - March 09, 2025 at 10:20 PM

DD

“ Feisty and fun to be around!

Dee (Nall) Donner - March 09, 2025 at 06:05 PM

LH

“ Barta was the registrar at ENMU-Roswell during my tenure as Provost and I could always count on her to keep the academic records of students accurately. Plus she was fun to work with. A real “hoot”. Rest in Peace my friend.

Lloyd Hughes - March 09, 2025 at 08:13 AM

GS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Barta. I was so proud to call her family. She was such a nice lady and will be greatly missed.

Gail Sims - March 05, 2025 at 09:31 PM

LB

“ Love John and Lorraine Breedyk purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Barta Howse.



Love John and Lorraine Breedyk - March 05, 2025 at 09:16 PM

MG

“ Momma Barta. You were always the sweetest, and kindest. Love you so very much. You always treated me like your own. Even when Kathy and I got into things. You walk among the Angels now. And you are reunited with Pappa Alton.

Marcy Dennis Greengrass - March 05, 2025 at 08:44 PM

MW

“ I’m so heartbroken to hear of Barta passing. She will be greatly missed by so many and goes to the Senior Center every day to have fun and enjoy visit with friends. My heartfelt deepest condolences goes out to Pat and entire Howse Family.

Michael Waide - March 05, 2025 at 08:26 PM

PD

“ Barta was a great neighbor to my mother, Helen Aston. It was always a pleasure to sit in on their visits. Condolences to the family. It’s so hard losing our mothers.

Pamela Aston DeWitt - March 05, 2025 at 04:28 PM

RO

“ My condolences to her family this lady had a big heart of gold May you RIP Barta fly high with the angels my sister Dora is going to miss you so very much 🥹🌹💔



Rosalinda Olivas - March 05, 2025 at 11:01 AM