



## Celeste Ann Barrett

November 28, 1952 - November 5, 2019

Celeste Ann Barrett went to be with the Lord November 5, 2019 at Journey Home with her loving partner Becky Grubbs by her side.

She was born Celeste Ann Mullen on November 28, 1952 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma where she was the very first baby born at the new Jane Phillips Hospital. She attended Bartlesville schools, graduated from Sooner High School, where she sang in the Sooner High Varsity Choir with Noel Kaiser, and Southern Methodist University, where she studied voice with Bruce Foote and sang with Dr. Lloyd Pfautsch. In 1974 Celeste relocated to Los Angeles to begin her singing career. While there, she sang at the Crystal Cathedral and with the Blossom Festival. She also sang and toured with the Roger Wagner and Norman Luboff choirs. After two years Celeste moved to Europe to continue her opera career in Zurich, Switzerland and for many years with Theatre Hagen of Hagen, Germany. While in Hagen, she sang multiple leading roles, including Evita Peron in Evita. She also directed children's choruses, established the Celeste Barrett Quintet, a jazz ensemble, and nurtured many budding singers.

In 2003 Celeste returned to Bartlesville where she was an instructor of music at University of Tulsa, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, private voice teacher to many students and minister of music at Bartlesville First Church. She was a longtime member of the Bartlesville Choral Society board and also performed as soloist with the Bartlesville Symphony, the Bartlesville Choral Society, OK Mozart and the Light Opera of Oklahoma in Tulsa.

Celeste was preceded in death by her grandparents and parents, Jim and Jo Ann Mullen. She is survived by her partner, Becky Grubbs, cousin Jane Malcolm (Jerry) and son Max, cousins Sam Barrett (Paula), Dan Barrett (Anita), Andy Barrett (Linda), a host of friends, students, admirers and “fur babies” Malu, Dusty and Moon Pie.

Memorial services will be held at 2 PM on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at the Bartlesville First Church-4715 S.E. Price Road in Bartlesville directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Services

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bartlesville First Church  
4715 Price Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
<http://www.bartlesvillefirstchurch.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Celeste Ann Barrett*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Celeste Ann Barrett*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Ich habe Celeste sehr viel zu verdanken. Sie war meine erste Gesanglehrerin und sie hat mich über mehrere Jahre unterrichtet. Durch Celeste bin ich zum Extrachor in Hagen gekommen und habe meine Liebe zu den Old American Songs entdeckt. Dafür bin ich ihr sehr dankbar.*  
*Bernd Eschweiler*

**Bernd Eschweiler** - January 01, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Celeste Ann Barrett.*



November 17, 2019 at 10:02 AM

AP

“ Sorry to hear about Celeste’s passing - deepest condolences to the family. She was a wonderful teacher and mentor to our son. Our loss is most certainly a gain for the heavenly choir she has joined. Rest In Peace Celeste.

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**Anne Perrine** - November 08, 2019 at 08:24 PM

MB

“ So sad to hear of her passing. She fought the battle and truly won. In the arms of the Lord! Rest my friend!  
Deniece Bush

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**Michael and Deniece Bush** - November 07, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ I will always remember my time in the FUMC choir that she directed, and how kind and caring Celeste was to Bob and I during our interim ministry there in Bartlesville. I loved getting to know her, to hear her beautiful voice and see her delightful smile. I'm so sorry for the loss of this talented, lovely lady so much sooner than expected. Praying for peace to all who are having to transition to life without her.

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**Delia Pierson** - November 07, 2019 at 09:53 AM

PK

“ I will cherish my memories of her beautiful smile and singing and sweet spirit. She must be delighted to be one of God’s star singers in his Heavenly choir. We will miss her signing voice in our church.

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**Patti Kerr** - November 07, 2019 at 12:24 AM



“ I have so many fond memories of the probably 100's of meals we have shared together. I will especially miss our yearly "Oscars" dinner It just won't be the same without you. I will still set a place for you knowing you will be there in spirit and will drink a glass of your favorite wine for you. Your beautiful smile and that booming laugh will always resonate with me. I will miss you my friend.

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**Mindy Leisure** - November 06, 2019 at 03:37 PM