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“Bobbie” was born Barbara Joan Moyle on 3/1/1933 in Fair Lawn New Jersey to parents, Frederick & Beatrice Moyle. Six years later, a younger brother was born, Robert F. Moyle who remained close and devoted to his sister over the years until he preceded her in death January 28, 2024 at his home in Chowchilla, CA.

Barbara & her brother grew up in Fair Lawn, NJ, where she graduated from Fair Lawn High School in 1951, her yearbook states of her: “Band 1 2 3 4 Prom Committee 3, Yearbook 4, Dramatic Club 2, Latin Club 1 2, Hockey 2, Honor Society 4, wields a ready pencil for the art staff, cheery and sweet, speed demon behind a steering wheel, sports fan, Wheaton for Barb” indicative of her early aspirations for Wheaton College in Illinois, where she attended and eventually met Carlton Farley, as a student in Education. They enjoyed many common interests including singing in the Wheaton College Choir together. Barbara enjoyed sharing her beautiful soprano voice in several choirs and smaller ensembles through her many years, contributing to karaoke at special moments of celebration.

Soon after finishing her schooling at Wheaton College for a Bachelors Degree

connected to a Teaching Credential, Barbara married Carlton W. Farley in 1956, and the two traveled to California, where she commenced her student teaching. While at a teaching position at La Cumbre Middle School in Santa Barbara, CA, it was time for their daughter Deborah to be born on June 16, 1958.

Sadly, two years after this, the marriage abruptly ended, and she returned to New Jersey with Debbie, to the home of her parents for a brief period, until driving cross-country again with stops in Colorado and Southern California, while seeking teaching positions. Eventually she traveled to the San Francisco Bay Area, found an apartment in Mountain View, CA and she was hired at Foothill Community College in Los Altos to teach Physical Education. After a few years she was hired at the newly constructed De Anza Community College in Cupertino and moved there, then bought homes that met her needs during her 40 year career at De Anza. She enjoyed teaching her students dance, swimming, and a variety of sports, often volunteering to organize ski trips to scenic California lakes or mountains.

Through her love of travel and outdoor sports, Barbara met William J. Prouty when they were on a trip in Sun Valley Idaho with the Apres Ski Club. The two were wed in November 1978, and were regular attenders of Valley Church in Cupertino, sitting under the pulpit of Pastor Paul Steele, and later Pastors Kurt Jones and Daniel Kim. They spent time with good friends and their beloved family, also enjoying travel to Arizona, Hawaii and Cabo San Lucas. Their union was a testimony to others of their faith, and they served generously, often sharing the good news of Jesus's redemptive love in their life together. On May 23, 2020 "Bill" preceded Bobbie in death, and he has been deeply missed.

This loss brought about the need for Barbara to move to The Villages in San Luis Obispo, CA, arranged diligently by her oldest grandson Keith, in October

2023. She has been well cared for through her declining vitality, and has been able to enjoy several beautiful family holidays and celebrations at The Villages. At several Christmas parties, she let her strong voice ring out once again, serenading attendees with carols. In the waning months, Bobbie faced growing health challenges with courage and faith, supported by her caregiver and good friend, Marisol, who often prayed and read devotions with her, helping her to trust God's sustaining power. On the afternoon of April 22, 2026, Bobbie peacefully went home.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Deborah (Farley) Badger, her husband Mike A. Badger, and grandsons Keith S. Badger, Kirk J. Badger, & Chad M. Badger; also great granddaughters Rebekah Lee Badger (19) and Sadie Joan Badger (17) born to Keith and his wife Cara Badger of San Luis Obispo, CA.

She is also survived by Niece Susan (Moyle) Zobac, her Husband Kirk, and their children, and nephew Brian R. Moyle, his wife Tien and their children, of San Jose CA.

Barbara looked forward to being with Jesus, her parents, her beloved Bill and many loved ones who also believed in the Eternal Life promised in John 11:25-26 and Romans 6:23, words and truth that she lived by.

Her husband, Bill, is interred at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine CA, where Bobbie will join him on Tuesday May 5, 2026 in repose.

In Loving Memory of Barbara, gifts can be sent to Valley Church C/O Missions, 10885 N Stelling Road, Cupertino, CA 95014 or to Samaritan's Purse.org.

Cemetery Details

San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery

32053 West McCabe Rd.
santa nella, CA 95322
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/sanjoaquinvalley.asp>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 5. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We were blessed in so many ways to live next door to the Prouty's. Our boys were so young when we moved into our Mira Vista house, and both Bobbie and Bill became surrogate grandparents. Bobbie never missed spoiling the boys with Easter, Christmas and Halloween candies --Bobbie's love language! They invited us to Valley Church, where we attended with them for a while. They were always so welcoming to us inviting us to go out on their boat and even extending offers to join them on their timeshare travels and RV trips. We were thankful for those timeshares because it allowed them to visit us in AZ almost annually. We never lost touch.

Bobbie, your pain is over. Those years without Bill were the hardest on you. We were happy to support you by phone and with a couple of CA visits. Your friendship was instrumental to the Sterner family. We will miss your eager and loving smile, and you will always be remembered by the boys as Nana!

Diane Sterner - May 03 at 04:14 PM

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“ Forever in our hearts, Charlene and Tom purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Joan Prouty.



Forever in our hearts, Charlene and Tom - April 30 at 02:53 PM

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“ Forever in our hearts, Charlene and Tom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Joan Prouty.

Forever in our hearts, Charlene and Tom - April 30 at 02:53 PM