Barbara Jean Smith of Irving passed away suddenly on Sunday, January 20, 2008 at her home. Services will be held at 2:00 pm Thursday, January 24, 2008 at Waco Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. D.F. Barrett and Rev. Roy Marshall officiating. Private interment will follow at Waco Memorial Park. Visitation with the family will be before the service from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Waco Memorial Funeral Home.

Barbara was born August 14, 1942, in Waco to James and Virginia Howard. She graduated from Waco High and attended Baylor University. She worked for Walls + Forms in Coppell as an accounting manager for 17 years until her death. Barbara served multiple terms on the finance committee for the Valley Ranch Association.

She loved her family and had a soft spot for animals. Some of her favorite charities include Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah, DFW Humane Society and the Humane Society of North Texas.

Survivors include her parents James and Virginia Howard; daughter Lisa Hafer and husband, Steve; Aunt Dorothy (Totchie) Emerson, Uncle Warren Pierce, cousins who were like brothers and sisters to her, along with some very special friends, Missy the dog and Molly the rabbit.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to one of the above-mentioned charities or another animal rescue charity of your choice.

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