

Happy New Year 2022



**Monthly
Newsletter**
Jan. 2022



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Bringing in the New Year
with the Oak Creek family.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Throwing snowballs and
eating christmas cookies.



ARTS AND CRAFTS

It's essential we keep our
skinned moisturized in
the winter weather, so we
made lotion.

January is named after the Roman God of new beginnings, Janus.



**Zodiac Sign:
Capricorn & Aquarius**



January Birthdays

Jan. 6 - Erin

Jan. 12 - Anna

Jan. 31 - Lester

Birthstone

Garnet

Flower

Carnation

“Plant carrots in January and you’ll never have to eat carrots.” – Old garden saying

January Events

Jan. 6 - Movie: The Upside

Jan. 7 - Barbara’s Memorial

Jan. 10 - Health Talk: Flu Prevention

Jan. 11 - Crafts: Winter Gnomes

Jan. 11 - Resident Council

Jan. 13 - Shopping

Jan. 13 - Movie: Dirty Dancing

Jan. 14 - Vivian’s Memorial

Jan. 15 - Curtiss Chase Music

Jan. 18 - Sing-A-Long with Rebecca

Jan. 20 - Movie: The Blind Side

Jan. 21 - Haircuts

Jan. 25 - Monthly Birthday Party

Jan. 27 - Shopping

Jan. 28 - Jim’s Memorial and

Happy Hour

Thank You!

- Thank you Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Topeka, KS) for the cards and beautiful stockings. They look great on our fireplace mantle.
- Thank You, Pat and Myron Dunavan and Xi Eta Sigma (Society of Nursing) for the wonderful, generous gift donations to fill the residents Christmas stockings and the homemade cinnamon ornaments; They have the tree smelling delicious.

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH**TRESA LYNN FREEMAN**

Tresa Lynn Freeman was born June 26, 1962, to Charles and Mary (Butts) Freeman II. Tresa was the baby of the family and had three older sisters and one brother. They lived in Burlington, Kansas at the time, but moved around when Tresa was young living in Iola, Kansas then moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico before returning to Lawrence, Kansas where Tresa graduated high school in 1981.

Tresa loves riding horses and lived with two horses, an appaloosa and a quarter horse for a period of time. She also played a lot of softball, as catcher and first baseman. One of her favorite vacations as a child was a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Tresa and her mother moved to Topeka in 1981. Shortly thereafter, she met a friend of her mothers' named Michael Stanley and it was love at first sight. They were married in 1982 and during this time, Tresa worked in childcare, retail, and at a bakery in downtown Topeka. In 1985, Michael and Tresa spent a year with her uncle in Carlsbad, California. They returned in 1986, shortly before her first daughter Triston was born. Tresa and Michael divorced in 1988.

After her divorce, Tresa stayed in Topeka and went on to have three more children, Misty was born in 1990, Christy in 1991, and her youngest son, Stormy, was born in 1993. Tresa retired in 1994 and married Tim Mirth, a chiropractor, in 1998. They divorced in 2005 and Tresa moved to Wichita for three years, returning to Topeka in 2008.

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH - CONT'D

Here at Oak Creek, Tresa enjoys spending time with her fiancé, Robert “Bob” Livingston. They have a wedding date of April 22, 2022 and are having fun planning their wedding and reception party.



TRESA'S FAVORITES



Music
Rock N Roll

Dessert
Cherry Cheesecake



Animal
Dog

Color
Blue



Movie/Actor
Dirty Dancing/Patrick Swayze

Flower
Red Roses



Welcome to the Oak Creek Family

NEW EMPLOYEES

- Latasha Benfer - Dayshift CNA

In Loving Memory of Barbara Berry

AUGUST 24, 1940 – DECEMBER 19, 2021



Barbara “Barb” Diane Berry was a caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She left this world on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at age 81.

Barb was born to Bernard and Vera Mead on August 24, 1940 in Washington, DC. She graduated from Turner High School in Kansas City, KS in 1958. She married James Berry and later divorced. She briefly lived in Texas, but then lived in Kansas for the rest of her life, moving to Topeka in 1975.

Barb performed many professions, beginning as an Orthodontic assistant with Cassidy Orthodontics for twenty years, followed by acting as the Switchboard Operator at the Topeka Police Department. She was also a Receptionist at WIBW for a time and the same for the Topeka Fire Department until she retired in 2002.

She also enjoyed many hobbies, including boating, ceramic painting, and gardening (when the squirrels weren’t stealing her prize lilies). One of her proudest achievements was winning the most improved bowler award in her league, and she made sure to pass on her trademark “Granny Style” bowling technique to her granddaughters. Her favorite hobby, however, was her 10+ years of involvement with Topeka Civic Theater, initially as an audience member, then on the crew for lighting, sound, and sets, eventually becoming stage manager for many productions during her years there.

She transitioned from Stage Manager to audience member so she could be more involved in caring for her elderly parents through the end of their lives. Following their passing, she fully embraced her new role as “Granny” to her two granddaughters. She was known to her friends and family for her beautiful and fun fingernails and love of owls, good food, flowers, Elvis Presley, and all things sparkly. She enjoyed taking it easy during retirement, but was always generous with her time and willing to be there for her friends and family when they needed her.

BARBARA BERRY OBITUARY - CONT'D

She lives on through the many valuable lessons and skills she imparted to her children and granddaughters and she is sorely missed.

Survivors include son, Glenn (Veronica) Berry, Elizabeth, CO; daughter, Julie (John) Lyle, Topeka; granddaughters, Alexandra (Patrick) Davidson, Salina and Veronica Lyle, Salina; great-grandson, Isidore Davidson, Salina; sister, Fran (Jerry) McCollum, Houston, TX; and brother, Alan (Olga) Mead, Allen, TX. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Raymond Mead.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Topeka Civic Theatre in memory of Barb at <https://topekacivictheatre.com/donate>



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