



Barbara Lee Iten, Former Head Coach for Women's Basketball, Passed Away April 19, 2015

Barbara Lee Iten, former Head Coach for women's basketball, passed away April 19, 2015. Her career at CSU, Hayward (East Bay) spanned from 1977 until 1988.

The following obituary can be found [here](#):

April 6, 1949 – April 19, 2015

Barb passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on April 19, 2015, at the age of 66. She was an inspirational teacher, dedicated coach, loving family member and caring friend.

She was born April 6, 1949, in Klamath Falls, Ore., to Fred and Janice Iten. Growing up in Ferndale and Ukiah, Barb got to experience what she referred to as "the greatest childhood in America." Barb was known for her athletic prowess and competitive nature and excelled in every sport she attempted. A three-time team MVP for UC Davis and a three-sport athlete in basketball, volleyball and softball in the early 1970s, Barb was the second woman inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. She earned degrees in political science and education at UC Davis, and a master of science degree in physical education from Western Illinois University.

Barb began her coaching career in 1974 at Davis High School with a group of young women with whom she would develop a sisterhood that would last throughout her life. Thereafter followed 16 years of coaching basketball at UC Berkeley, Cal State Hayward, Dartmouth and Iowa State. Returning to California, she began a 20-year tenure coaching basketball, softball, volleyball, golf and football at Dixon High School. She enjoyed traveling and had a network of friends that spans the globe.

She serves as a shining example to us all of how life should be lived; with the courage to forge one's own path, the drive to get there and the compassion to care deeply for all those encountered along the way. She lived life to the fullest with a smile on her face and a song ready to sing. Although she had countless awards, honors and recognitions for a lengthy list of achievements, she was most proud of the meaningful impact on — and life lessons she instilled in — her students and athletes. Students told Barb she was tough but fair and thanked her for helping to prepare them for life.

Barb touched the lives of many and is survived by Terry Iten & John Kildahl, Liz & Matt Heres, Whitney Olmedo, Alison & Jeff Kuffel, John & Becky Iten, John Iten II, Branson Iten, Kyle & Bre Holden, Richelle & Chad Peppers, Joey Iten, Bruce & Marian Chmielecki, Steve & Kate (Russum) DeHoff, Jenny Chmielecki, Annie Chmielecki, and beloved grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at McCune Garden Chapel, 212 Main St. in Vacaville. In lieu of flowers, Barb would surely appreciate a contribution to the Barbara Lee Iten Memorial Scholarship at UC Davis. An award will be given annually to a graduate student working in cancer research. Donations may be made by check or by phone. Please make checks payable to UC Davis Foundation (for/memo: IMO Barbara Lee Iten Scholarship) and send to UC Davis Foundation (2nd Floor), One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616, attn: Janet S. Berry.