



## Barbara Ann Connell

August 6, 1946 - November 18, 2008

Barbara Ann Connell born on August 6, 1946 passed away on November 18, 2008 at the age of 62. Mrs. Connell taught at Bellaire Elementary for almost 30 years. She will be greatly missed by her friends, loved ones, and all those she has touched over the years. Now she will look down upon us from the heavens as one of God's angels. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, daughter, and friend. She is survived by her loving husband James Edward Connell, sons Michael and Benjamin Connell, sisters Nancy Blake, and Janice Knudson and husband Bub, brother Jimmy Forcum and wife Adele, numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

### Service

Visitation will begin on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Graveside service will be held on Friday, November 21, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with interment to follow.

For personal acknowledgment you may sign the guest book at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the obituary section.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ I remembered Mrs. Connell from many years ago when I attended Bellaire Elementary School with her son Mike. I remember her as a very sweet teacher who loved the job she had everyday. She will join my sweet Mother who recently passed in September. God Bless

Rhonda Peters - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I knew 'Bobbie' when she was a teen...and remember when she and Jim married. Through the years at Harlandale ISD we have kept up with each other and your family. Barbara was a well-respected and appreciated teacher who impacted countless numbers of peop

Peggy West - November 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

B.

“ Tomorrow is Thanksgiving or to me just another day. I took off some time from work because I don't think I'm ready yet but I don't really think I will ever be ready to move on from this. Nothing is the same. I was supposed to make you dinner today sinc

B.J. - November 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Barbara has watched over me for twenty years. It was... oh MH or I'll tell you this...She did tell me, teach me, and made me laugh. For that and many other reasons, Barbara stays with me always.

Mary Helen Leavell - November 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Suddenly...you were gone.

*We cannot comprehend why Mom was taken from us so quickly. But, the Lord has chosen to call her home in His time. While we are deeply saddened by the loss of my mother, let us be thankful for the years of her life that we we*

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**Mike Connell** - November 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Well mom Sarah and I went through with it and we are now married. I know you were there because we both felt you there coaching us through it. I just wish I could have seen your face and that beautiful smile. I hope it was everything you dreamed it to

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**B. J.** - November 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you.

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**Irene and Pete San Miguel** - November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Jim,  
*My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family for your loss. Rick Morgan extends his condolences as well.*

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**Jessie Vega** - November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

B.

“ Well mom I wish I were talking to you instead of writing you this way. It was amazing to see how many lives you touched. I could only wish I did the same. I hope we did a good job on everything for you the way you wanted. I'm sorry I couldn't remember

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**B.J.** - November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Jim, Mike and BJ,  
Barbara was such a wonderful woman. Her support and friendship meant so much to me when I came to Bellaire. She was a good friend and colleague.  
All of you are in my prayers.

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**Kathryn Fleming Kovaric** - November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Mrs. Connell was my husband's first grade teacher. When I was going to college to become a teacher I would help her in her classroom. When I came to work at Bellaire 12 years ago, she was on the interview committee. She helped me to stay calm during th

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**Kathy Word** - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I had the pleasure of being a student of Mrs. Connell when I was at Bellaire. I had the greatest time in her class and looked forward to all the laughs we shared. She was the teacher with all the candy. I remember when she use to open her desk drawers the

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**Lori Gonzalez Herrera** - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Ben worked for me at East Patrol, so I pass these condolences to him and all his family for the loss of his mother.

Robert Farley - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I am lucky enough to say that when I first started at Bellaire I learned from one of the best, Barbara Connell. She always gave great advice and she will be missed along the halls of Bellaire. My prayers are with the Connell family.

Michelle Castillo - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Mrs. Connell was a very wonderful teacher at Bellaire. I really liked her alot because she was nice. I miss her alot.

Samantha Lowman

2nd grade

samantha lowman - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Barbara was a wonderful person. She will always have a very special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with all her family and friends. May God Bless you and keep you.

Kelley Heising Escobedo - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Losing a loved one is a bitter-sweet experience. Although we rejoice for their freedom from this world as they enter the loving presence of our Lord, we grief for ourselves because we know how painfull

Peggy Orcutt Riemenschneider - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To the Family of Barbara Connell,  
My family and I extend our condolences to the family of Mrs.  
Connell..She was ALL THREE of our First grade Teacher, Tammy,  
Tomy and Desireah Kroll. She will be missed. She is now in Heaven  
with our mother who just pas

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**Tomy Kroll Jr. and Family** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I worked with Mrs. Connell for 7 great years at Bellaire! I thought the  
world of her and loved teaching the kids she had prepared so well.  
You have my deepest sympathies and prayers in this time of loss. I  
am glad to have known her.  
Respectfully,  
Kelly

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**Kelly Anderson** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I had the wonderful pleasure of knowing Barbara for 9 years. She  
was a great teacher, friend, and mentor. She made Bellaire a fun  
place to be and the kids just loved her. She will be deeply missed.  
My condolences to the family and my prayers are with you

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**Selina Puente Sanchez** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My heart it heavy for you. Your family will be in my prayers. I pray  
for peace and strength and comfort for you during this time.

Mike was a fellow student in High School and we graduated the  
same year.

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**Melissa Grumbles Mund** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ YOU THE FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS.  
I'VE BEEN IN THE HARLANDALE FAMILY FOR 32 YEARS.  
BARBARA WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. I KNOW HER FAMILY  
LOVED HER BUT GOT GOD LOVED HER BEST. SHE'S IN A  
BETTER PLACE NOW.  
MAY GOD BE W/ YOU AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY. L.WHIT

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**LYNETTE WHITBY** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ She was the first one I met @ Bellaire along with Jim before my  
interview. I LOVED her personality. She is unforgettable.

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**Elia Gonzalez** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Mike,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God  
comfort you and give you strength during this time.

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**Martha Woytasczyk Williams** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ I was lucky to have Barbara as my mentor during my first year as a  
teacher. She always made me laugh and I needed every bit of it.  
She will be missed very much.

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**Mina Ozuna** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *To Barbara's family,  
We are sending loving thoughts and prayers to all of you during  
such a difficult time. May God bless and comfort you and keep you  
in his care.  
And Jan, a big hug is being sent to you from ND  
Love  
Sharon*

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**sharon** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ *YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY DURING THIS MOST  
DIFFICULT TIME. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING MRS.  
CONNELL AS A TEACHER OF MY ELDEST SON AND AS A  
SUBSTITUTE DURING HER RETIREMENT DAYS. HER SENSE  
OF HUMOR AND SMILE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. MAY THE  
LORD BLE*

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**GISELE LOPEZ BELLAIRE ELEMENTARY** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *I always remember aunt Bobby with her glass of iced tea whether  
we were visiting in Texas or she was visiting in North Dakota. I wish  
I could be there to share this time with my Mother, Aunt Nancy,  
Uncle Jimmy and the 3 Connell boys that are all grieving*

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**LeeAnn Gellner** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care of each other and  
lean on one another. Find strength in the hearts of those who love  
you and know that we are sending our love in this time of sadness  
and grief.  
Jeff, Billie, Jordan and Jaiden*

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**Jeff Knudson** - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM