

IN MEMORY OF

BARBARA LOUISE BUTEL-PRIVETT



Barbara Louise Butel-Privett died Friday. She had been in a coma for more than 2 weeks after passing out on April 14 due to complications from emphysema. Barbara was born in Houston on May 26, 1947. She attended schools here, including Henderson, Browning, Poe, Katherine Smith, and Landrum Junior High School. She was a member of Spring Branch Senior High School's class of 1965. She was very good looking, and was a member of Spring Branch's drill team, the Bruin Brigade. She attended UH for a short time, but decided that the married life was for her, and she eloped to Colorado for a few years to marry Robert Privett, now deceased. The marriage did not last, and she returned to Houston to spend the rest of her life. To describe Barbara, you would think of cats, cigarettes, coffee and country music. She was obsessed with horses almost as much as cats, but never had the opportunity to be owned by a horse. Her last 25 years were spent in the grips of the nightmare of paranoid schizophrenia, for which she refused to take medicine. She is now free at last from that nightmare. She was predeceased by her parents. Survivors include her brother, George Alan Butel, and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and in-laws, including Frederick Eugene Forshag, Deborah Forshag Knupfer, Judy Forshag, Jan Forshag Ellerbe, Janet S. Graham, Donald A. Butel and John U. Butel. The dead have no use for flowers, so please donate to the SPCA or the Humane Society in lieu of a floral contribution. Arrangements are pending at Woodlawn Funeral Home where services will be set at a later date. Omitted from Barbara Louise Butel-Privett's obituary in Sunday's paper was the school she attended--and treasured--during 6th grade, Valley Oaks Elementary. Her brief work history was also omitted; it included several stints as a secretary, as well as her on and off Shaklee distributorship. She believed in the Shaklee mythos, and, even when destitute, she would find enough money to keep herself supplied with Basic-H. Where she last lived, the stray cats she fed are now being cared for by other residents, who are thereby continually reminded of Barbara as they remember her love of animals. Her hobby was water coloring. The family would like to apologize for the picture of the young Barbara in the obituary Sunday; it was carefully selected to show her with her most prized possession at the time, a teddy bear play phone, but the Chronicle cropped it out of the picture.