

Request for Donation to the Autopsy of Barbara Gill

March 1, 2025

With profound sadness, announcement of the passing of **Barbara Gill**, who left us on February 23, 2025, at Penrose Hospital. While Barbara had been courageously battling Triple Negative Breast Cancer, her passing was not due to cancer itself, but rather to unchecked **Chemo-Induced Pneumonitis**, tragic, and known



Although the doctors at Penrose cited **Chemo-Induced Pneumonitis** as the cause, no conclusive physical evidence has been provided. To ensure transparency and accountability, an Autopsy by independent pathologist has been retained to conduct a thorough scientific review of the circumstances

complication that led to her suffocation death. **Barbara dedicated her life** Serving others as a **Marriage and Family Therapist**, Barbara worked tirelessly to support Native American communities at the Rincon Indian Reservation and later at **New Haven Therapeutic Behavioral Services**, where she helped families prevent children from entering the foster care system. Later, she continued her work at **Camp Pendleton Marine Base**, where she served for over a decade, offering guidance and healing to military families.

Barbara's compassion extended beyond her professional career. She worked alongside her devoted partner of 40 years, **Paul Rieker**, in pioneering efforts to address **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**. Their work led to the development of **ADER Therapy**, which was reviewed and passed Scientific Review by the Department of Defense's **Defense Centers of Excellence**. Barbara believed deeply in the importance of helping children overcome trauma, a passion she carried throughout her life.

Barbara is survived by her beloved partner/husband of 40 years, **Paul Rieker**, as well as her brother **Louis Gill**, her sisters **Eleanor (Gill) Worth** and **Martha (Gill) DePalma**, and her nephews **Nicholas, Rob, Paul Shayne, Thomas**, nieces **LeeAnn** and **Leslie**.

A **Family Trust has been established** to support her lifelong mission of helping children heal from trauma. Donations will contribute to a newly proposed **Hybrid Credential** aimed at addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences, helping children overcome fear-based events while improving reading comprehension and recall. Contributions exceeding Autopsy costs can be returned or contributed to the effort of the new proposed Credential.

Donations may be sent to:

Paul Rieker P.O. Box 341

Phone/Text: **719-717-0487**

A **memorial service** will be held on **April 5, 2025**, at **Christ the King Catholic Church in La Veta, CO 81055** (tentative date). Barbara spent her life caring for others. May her dedication, compassion, and unwavering love for those in need continue to inspire us all.