

Barbara Ann Walker

June 17, 1947 – December 25, 2005

Barbara will be deeply missed by her husband Larry of 39 years and all of her rabbit friends. Larry and Barbara lived in Harper, KS. She had one brother, Larry Maninger of Springfield, MO and two sisters, Mary Maninger also of Springfield, and Kathy Bozarth and her husband Harland of Danville, KY.

Barbara Walker joined the ARBA in 1984. She attended the Sunflower Spring Show in 1994 at Hillsboro, KS. There she purchases a blue Rex buck. She bought a Mini Lop from Stan Pulliam and her rabbit raising days were started. In 1985, Barbara and Larry attended the ARBA Convention in Houston, TX. There they purchases a French Lop from Joan McDonald and Louane Marchel. The French Lop breed is still in the barn and one of the major breeds they raise.

Other breeds that Barbara and Larry raised include: Mini Rex, New Zealand Whites, Satin & English Angora, Champagne D'Argent, and Harlequins. Barbara was a charter member of the Chicaskia Valley Rabbit Breeders Association. This club was chartered from 1984 through 1990. It took an early winter snow storm that year to close it down.

Barbara and Larry are known as the rabbit folks of the town. They help the 4-H youth start their rabbit projects and locate the breeds that they want. They help at the fair and volunteer where ever they can in the county.

Barbara had many jobs but had been at the local restaurant for many years.