Barbara S. Coen was born and raised in Jacksonville, Fla. She is a 1974 graduate of Florida State University's College of Nursing. During her four years at Florida State, Coen was a part of the Marching Chiefs, where she met her husband, Bill Coen ('74, '79).

Upon graduation, Coen worked as a nurse in various settings. After she married, she moved with her husband to Naples, Fla., where they currently reside.

Coen worked as a nurse for 18 years. She and her husband have two children, and she enjoys volunteering with many organizations. In the past, Coen has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America, her church, Band Boosters and the Collier County Junior Deputy League, where she chaired committees and events.