



Barbara Ann Cornwell

June 26, 1948 - March 1, 2021

Barbara Ann Cornwell of Manassas, Virginia, passed away March 1, 2021, due to a stroke. Barb was born in Warrenton, Virginia, on June 26, 1948, to the late Emory Lee Cornwell and Mary Augustine “Gussie” Cornwell. Barb Cornwell graduated from Osbourn High School in Manassas in 1966 and then attended James Madison University, where she received her degree in English in 1970. She went on to get her Masters of Education from George Mason University. Barb taught public school at Stonewall Jackson High School (now Unity Reed) in Manassas from 1970 until 2012. After retiring from teaching in 2012, Ms. Cornwell cared for her mother until her passing in 2013. In 2015, Barb became somewhat of a nanny to her great nephew Graham.

Surviving Ms. Cornwell are her brother and sisters: Ronnie Cornwell (Anna Marie), Donna Cornwell, and Debbie Vandyke. She also has several nieces, a nephew, great nieces, and great nephews.

Barb Cornwell loved teaching and helping others. She was a big music fan, especially Jimmy Buffett; and she loved going to his concerts. Barb loved the beach and vacationed at the Outer Banks for many years. She had an appreciation for the outdoors, flowers, and playing and working in the yard.

A graveside service to celebrate Barb’s life will be held on March 9, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas, VA. In lieu of flowers, expressions of condolences and donations can be made to the Barbara

Cornwell Memorial Scholarship at www.cfnova.org/barbara-cornwell-scholarship. Donations can also be made to Capital Caring Health, Philanthropy, 3180 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Virginia 22042.

The family expresses its deep appreciation to the healthcare providers in the Neurology units at Inova Fairfax Hospital and at the Capital Caring Health Adler Center.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Services

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ So blessed to have had Ms. Cornwell as my English Teacher my Senior year at Stonewall Jackson High School. She was such a great teacher. She was so intelligent and just loved her humor. You will tbe missed. RIP Ms Cornwell.



Robin Grossman - June 11, 2021 at 05:37 PM

NM

“ I was blessed to have Ms. Cornwall as a teacher many years ago. I will never forget her teaching us how to compose a paper. She inspired me so much, that I made English one of my majors in college. My heartfelt condolences to you all.



Noreen McCann - May 21, 2021 at 08:17 AM

AG

“ Barbara was an amazing woman: witty, caring, intelligent, hilarious, and kind. She taught two of our children at SJHS and I was lucky to be in her class with a student I was supporting. Our children remember her well and we all loved her smile and fascinating classes! You are in our prayers and will be missed dear friend.

Sincerely,
Ann Gillespie

Ann M Gillespie - March 09, 2021 at 09:40 AM

ID

“ I was fortunate enough to have had Barbara as a teacher, then a colleague, and then a friend. She always had a smile on her face and had a great sense of humor. She was a great teacher, and I enjoyed working with her at Stonewall after I got out of college. She will be missed, rest in peace.

Ira DeGrood

Ira DeGrood - March 08, 2021 at 01:08 PM

PG

“ Barbara and I grew up together and shared our teaching years at Stonewall. She was fun, quick witted and a good friend. She dedicated herself to her family, friends and students, she will be missed by many. Rest in peace Barb



Pamela M Gwinn - March 06, 2021 at 11:27 AM

DP

“ We met “ Aunt Barb” while visiting our nephew Adrian, Vickie and Graham and were instantly drawn to Barb’s love and connection with Graham. Our visit with Barb was brief, but during that time we watched her patiently play and answer Graham’s many toddler questions and experienced first hand her gift as an educator! She was a beautiful part of my nephew’s family and we were honored to know her💙



Debra and Rick Pettus - March 06, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Cornwell.*



March 05, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *Oh, what fun we had! Barb was a wonderful colleague, teacher, and friend. I will miss her sense of humor, her love for Jimmy Buffett (her room was decorated in his honor), her sweater collection, her dedication to teaching, her sense of humor, and most of all, her many kindnesses--too many to enumerate here. Goodbye, sweet Barbara, and "flights of angels sing thee to they rest."*

Rita Griffin Comstock - March 05, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ Ms Cornwell was my English teacher my senior year at SJHS in 1990. Her quiet brilliance ran like a thread through the fabric of my brain and her easy humor and charm made her class one of my favorites. When I was an undergraduate at Southeastern College studying to teach English, I needed a place to do my student teaching. I immediately thought of Ms. Cornwell and SJHS. I showed up at her classroom one afternoon and asked her if she could take me on as her student teacher. She was thrilled to see me and so gracious. We spent a lot of time together that semester back in 1995. She inspired me and gave me the tools to turn that inspiration into a career.
I have been teaching for the past 26 years, and I credit my friend Barbara. Thanks, Barb, for your many gifts. Your impact has created ripples that will continue to expand and grow off into the infinite.
Eternal life.
All my love.
Mike Chiafulio

Mike Chiafulio - March 05, 2021 at 09:06 AM

RF

“ Rachel Farthing lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Cornwell



Rachel Farthing - March 05, 2021 at 07:21 AM

KF

“ I shall always remember fondly the gang of Stonewall teachers who gathered in mid August in Duck, N.C. It was always fun even though a new school year would be starting soon. Rest in peace, my friend.
Kay Ferreebee

Kay G. Ferreebee - March 04, 2021 at 09:11 PM

TK

“ *Tracy Kersey lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Cornwell*



Tracy Kersey - March 04, 2021 at 11:08 AM

MR

“ *Mary Hicks Rose lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Cornwell*



Mary Hicks Rose - March 04, 2021 at 08:40 AM

DF

“ *Ms Cornwell was my English teacher at Stonewall my senior year during sixth period. Reading Shakespeare during the last class of the day was exhausting but Ms Cornwell made it fun. I saw her many years after graduation and let her know that my although my appreciation for literature was not quite a top priority in her class, I later became very fond of it in college and give her full credit for my love of writing. Her memories will live on in the hearts and minds of her students.*

David Falkenstein - March 04, 2021 at 07:49 AM

CL

“ *Carolann Lewis-Saunders lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Cornwell*



Carolann Lewis-Saunders - March 03, 2021 at 11:02 PM

KF

“ *So grateful for your influence on my life.*



Kaitlyn Cornwell Faile - March 03, 2021 at 10:26 PM

LS

“ *Lyle Suprise lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Cornwell*



Lyle Suprise - March 03, 2021 at 03:56 PM

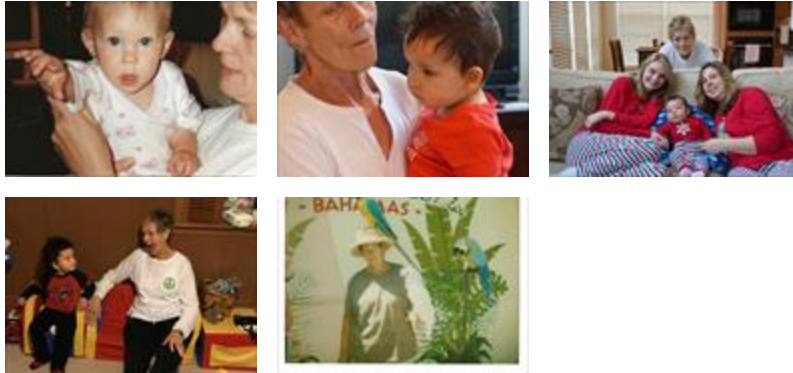
PB

I didn't know Ms Cornwall, but knew her brother Ronnie and Anna and wish to express my sadness for them in their loss.

Phyllis Bowling - March 04, 2021 at 05:07 PM

VW

“ 9 files added to the album Family Album



Vicki Wolfington - March 03, 2021 at 02:26 PM

SA

“ Susan Anderson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Cornwell



Susan Anderson - March 03, 2021 at 01:25 PM

RH

“ Roberta Haggerty lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Cornwell



roberta haggerty - March 03, 2021 at 09:48 AM

RH

Ms Cornwell was my English teacher at Stonewall. She was an excellent role model. May she RIP. God bless her and her grieving family and friends.

roberta haggerty - March 03, 2021 at 09:50 AM

SA

Ms. Cornwell was My English teacher at Stonewall H.S. She was the sweetest person in the world and always had a smile on her face. She was kind to everyone. May God's peace be with her and all who grieve.

Susan Anderson - March 03, 2021 at 01:24 PM

VW

A memorial scholarship has been created. You can go to: www.cfnova.org/barbara-cornwell-scholarship to make donations. The obituary will be updated soon to reflect the site.

Vicki Wolfington - March 04, 2021 at 12:52 PM

KD

My mom taught at Stonewall along with Barb and the two were great friends. They often hung out, sometimes at our house. I had the rare opportunity to know her not just as a teacher, but as a person. She was HILARIOUS. She would come to our house dressed as Santa at Christmas time, even after we were too old to believe and she'd leave me and my sister in stitches. Once, she and her sister came over dressed in tacky prom-style dresses with huge Christmas ornaments as earrings, just to make us laugh. Very fond memories of this amazing lady. My best wishes to her family.

Karen DeLong - March 04, 2021 at 05:52 PM

RB

I attended SJHS from 1971-1974. I had Ms. Cornwell for one of my classes. If my memory serves me correctly (which isn't always the case) I remember it being some type of music class. I believe we listened to and explored the lyrics of a few musical legends. I know Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young were among the topics. Nothing but nice memories of Ms. Cornwell. She was always one of my academic shining lights and trust me, there weren't many. May she Rest in Peace.

Robert Blaser - March 06, 2021 at 02:00 AM

TD

I am remembering the warm smile and gentle voice of unflappable colleague Barbara Cornwell. May her love of life and learning live on in all those she knew and all those who were privileged to have her as their teacher.

Terry Dick

Terry Dick - March 08, 2021 at 08:04 AM

LR

When I arrived at SJHS in 1986 my classroom was next to Barb's. She was a great colleague and mentor, and then we became great friends. Trips to conferences. Vacations in Duck. Lunches with friends. Such good memories and such sadness at her loss.

Lois Roy - March 08, 2021 at 04:48 PM

BM

Barbara, I and Pam Quinn all started as new teachers in Sept. of 1970. Fresh out of college, we lived in our first apartments in Deer Park on Liberia Ave. and often commuted together to school (the old Stonewall now the Middle School). It was a far different time and I remember the fun, joy and enthusiasm we shared as we worked our way into become true teachers. I am so sorry to hear Barbara is gone. She was a kind, funny, sincere and compassionate woman, and I treasure the memories of our early years together at Stonewall.

Bob Miller - February 12, 2024 at 07:27 PM