



## Barbara Anne Hester

January 27, 1943 - July 29, 2021

Barbara Anne Hester, age 78, died on July 29th, 2021. Born in Washington, D.C. she was the daughter of the late Lt. Colonel Milton Henry Hagemann Jr. and Mary Dyson Hagemann. She attended Verdun High School in France while the Hagemann's were stationed overseas. She returned to the U.S. where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA as part of the class of 1965. She went on to become an elementary school teacher and married the love of her life, Ben Hester, in 1970.

As one of the signs over her kitchen sink reads, "There's a special place in heaven for a mother of four". She devoted her life to her four children by wearing endless hats such as Brownie Leader, Dance Mom, Cub Scout Mom, Soccer Mom, Chauffeur, and many more. Barbara cherished being called Grammie by her four grandchildren, whom she adored and spoiled. In addition to her children and grandchildren, she also acted as a second Mom and Grammie to many including close friends of the Hester family.

For over a decade, she worked at the Flower Gallery of Manassas where she became a part of their extended family. She was known for creating countless gift baskets, setting up many beautiful wedding flowers, and most importantly she never met a stranger.

As the other sign over her kitchen sink teasingly reads, “I like to live in the fast lane, but I’m married to a speed bump”. Barbara enjoyed traveling and over their 51 years of marriage, she and Ben travelled to many places with friends and family. She enjoyed cooking and was known for making her famous crab cakes and Grammie rolls.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Ben Hester; her daughter, Susie Lunsford and husband, Jimmy; her daughter, Bonnie Guerrero and husband, Chris; her daughter, Carrie Coburn and husband, Mike; her son, Brad Hester; her grandson, Ty Wright; her granddaughter, Haley Wright; her granddaughter, Grace Guerrero; her grandson, Gavin Guerrero; her brother, Jim Hagemann and wife, Barbara; her brother, Joe Hagemann and wife, Iradia.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family wishing to honor Barbara are invited to make a donation in her name to the Alzheimer’s Association.

By Check: Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011

By Phone: 800-272-3900

Visitation

Saturday, August 7, 2021

12:00pm- 2:00 pm

Pierce Funeral Home

9609 Center St, Manassas, VA 20110

Reception to Follow

Saturday, August 7, 2021

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Sinistral Brewing Company

9419 Main Street

Manassas, VA 20110

\*\*\*free parking is available in the parking garage

located at 9102 Prince William Street Manassas, VA 20110

Full link to ALZ Donations: [https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=48292&48292.donation=form1&mfc\\_pref=T&\\_gl=1\\*p21buz\\*\\_ga\\*ODQ0MTgyMDUuMTYyNjk1ODUzOQ..\\*\\_ga\\_9JTEWVX24V\\*MTYyNzU5OTg0Ni40LjEuMTYyNzU5OTg5My4w&\\_ga=2.129687756.1505416391.1627599846-84418205.1626958539&\\_gac=1.116614900.1627599846.CjwKCAjwo4mIBhBsEiwAKgzXOG\\_XmAy-crQr2ZQ0bl8ZwZQet91VsIjfUhimfql9NpyTbcf7TxcjiBBoCJX0QAvD\\_BwE](https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=48292&48292.donation=form1&mfc_pref=T&_gl=1*p21buz*_ga*ODQ0MTgyMDUuMTYyNjk1ODUzOQ..*_ga_9JTEWVX24V*MTYyNzU5OTg0Ni40LjEuMTYyNzU5OTg5My4w&_ga=2.129687756.1505416391.1627599846-84418205.1626958539&_gac=1.116614900.1627599846.CjwKCAjwo4mIBhBsEiwAKgzXOG_XmAy-crQr2ZQ0bl8ZwZQet91VsIjfUhimfql9NpyTbcf7TxcjiBBoCJX0QAvD_BwE)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

“ Dear Susie, Bonnie, Carrie, and Brad: My heart goes out to you in the loss of your mother. My heart aches and I feel blessed just to see her face, as I can only recall the best qualities ever in her and how I enjoyed her friendship. She was so easy to love, adore, and cherish as a person. There are only superlative adjectives to describe how she was and in every role she had in life: daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, neighbor, worker, and on and on.

While I was your neighbor on Roxbury Avenue those many younger years of you all, I felt that we were all family. After all, she visited me almost every day at some time, and we had this connection, you all, our love of children above all, but recipes, Redskins, education, decorating, hand crafts, and just talking also filled our time together, So I knew her mostly as your mother and our values were the same. We loved every minute with our children through all ages, all decisions, and all phases more than anything else. As your neighbor, I felt like your mother was my sister for those years. She was fun, always so classy, so well-rounded, reserved, but down to earth, genuine, sincere, warm, thoughtful, kind, generous, smart, and beautiful inside and out to the core.

Once we moved from there/Manassas to Lake Ridge, I was the one who found it difficult to do anything but survive and our connections were limited to when I visited the Flower Gallery, which was sort of often back then. And there I would stand while she made the most beautiful baskets, talking and talking, and besides our annual Christmas letters, we got caught up on our family news as if it were the day before, being neighbors. Of course, Doug was my former neighbor pre-Roxbury, so he was OK with us "visiting" also knowing I was a great customer and he had a great worker in your mother, too! She was as gracious, patient, kind, creative, and caring with her customers as she was always caring for you all, your grandmother, her brother, being with your Dad, on and on.

When I last visited her in the nursing home, I held her hand and she squeezed it the entire time, a few hours, and I felt her gentleness, care, and when she looked at me, she kept saying thank you for

*coming, I love you! She repeated that and when our eyes met, I felt we reached each other's souls/hearts. I am not sure if she was cognizant of her own words and their meaning, but it was such a deep connection, felt so real, so much like the Barbara I always knew.*

*I will treasure that memory of her along with the decades of all the fun parties, meals, and social times as neighbors, especially as Brad was like another son to me along with Matthew and Andy. How could they, my sons, not adore her, too? And they do for all the reasons I shared here. She was true to herself, always the Barbara or Mrs. Hester, being a "guardian angel" to all of us and having touched all of our lives for the better and forever.*

*My/Our sympathy and condolences to all of you and your Dad.  
Love, Carol Bass and children: Matthew, Andrew, and Katie*

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**Carol Bass** - August 07, 2021 at 01:22 AM



“*Susie- I only know you thru FB (Jimmy too-) although we all attended the same HS and have so many friends in common. I have enjoyed seeing so many posts of you and your mom over the last few years. She was so beautiful and her joy and sweet spirit showed in each post and picture you shared. It was only in the last couple of years that I realized your mom had memory loss. This knowledge made each post and each memory you shared about your time with you mom more lovely and sweet. While we may not know each other IRL- please know that I do loved seeing your love and the time you spent with you mom unfold over the years. My heart and prayers are with you and your family. XO Cheryl*

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**Cheryl Miller** - August 06, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Anne Hester.*



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August 05, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *A valued and loved sister-in-law to us for more than fifty years - always generous and loving to our family especially on our trips back to the States. No matter the circumstance or inconvenience we'd be treated as valued friends and guests. Thank you Barbara for your part in our lifetimes. Bill and Marilyn Hester*

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**Bill Hester** - August 05, 2021 at 07:36 PM

VA

“ The news that we lost a great friend and neighbor is very bad, While we grieve and know we’ll not see her again is painfully sad. Barbara, an exceptionally great wife, mother, grandmother and more.

*Her personality, meeting and greeting was fully on display for sure.*

*My wife and I have known Barb and Ben, our neighbors, forty years. On many occasions we attended functions leading up to “CHEERS”. Barb’s loving and friendly nature was God’s gift to her to treasure, With that trademark smile, a sweet chit chat was always a pleasure.*

*We will miss you Barb and we pray you are now at peace. The love, friendliness and kindness you demonstrated throughout your life is exemplary. All of us who know you are better off, as a result.*

*Your Friends and Neighbors,  
Frank, Ronnie and Family*

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**Veronica Andreani** - August 05, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JP

“ Haley, I don't know your Grammie but because of who you are, I know she is a special soul. I'm very sorry for your and your families great loss. My sincere condolences. Much love and peace. JP

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**JP** - August 05, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Anne Hester.



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August 03, 2021 at 12:27 PM

KA

“ Thank you Aunt Barbara, for your warmth and smile and sparkling eyes and looking after us whenever we came to visit. Hugs and love to the many and wondrous Hesters. I hope you are able to gather and take strength in one another. Karen.

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**karen** - August 01, 2021 at 09:56 PM

BW

“ I knew Barbara from the time we were freshmen at Mary Washington and remember especially her friendliness and warmth towards everyone. Truly a dear friend. I will miss her Christmas cards with news of her children, of whom she was very proud. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Hester family.

*Barbara Weatherall*

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**Barbara Weatherall** - August 01, 2021 at 02:58 PM

MR

“ I've known this sweet lady since the first day of college.,,some 59 years ago! We were suitemates in college, roommates following that. She married, not the boy next door, but the one down stairs, Ben. So many wonderful memories. She and Ben were always there for me. I'll miss you dear friend. RIP.

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**Margaret (Meg) Robinson** - August 01, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Anne Hester.



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July 31, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Anne Hester.*



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July 31, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Bonnie and Family,  
My heartfelt sympathies on your mom being called Home. I  
remember her over the years at school functions from elementary to  
high school supporting her children. May God comfort you and bring  
you peace.  
Katherine McDonald Strich*

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**katherine strich** - July 31, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Barbara Anne Hester.*



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July 31, 2021 at 01:19 PM