



Barbara Jean Mathieu

March 21, 1950 - August 5, 2024

Barbara Jean (BJ) Loether Mathieu, age 74, passed away August 5, 2024, after enduring a multi-year chronic illness and the complications of a stroke suffered December 2020. She died at home in Manassas, Virginia.

BJ, born in Connecticut, was predeceased by her parents, Carl E. Loether and Gladys Shepard

Loether of Connecticut , and her elder brother Mark of North Carolina. She is survived by her

husband of 42 years, Ed Mathieu, her brother Paul Loether, sisters-in-law Sandra Chatman

Loether and Amy Geisler Loether, her niece , nephew Sarah Loether Jon Loether, his spouse

Ashley and grand nephew Archer..

BJ was a member of the 1968 graduating class of Miss Porter's School, Farmington,

Connecticut where she remained a loyal, supportive alumna until her death.

She attended

Elmira College, where she was freshman class president. She then transferred and graduated

in 1973 from the University of Texas, Austin, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art History and

Studio Art.

Ms. Mathieu's professional life, spanning almost four decades, was dedicated to the education and welfare of young women and men from their elementary years to post-secondary studies.

Over this time her responsibilities ranged from entry level positions in student life to executive

positions in admissions, alumni relations, and institutional development culminating in her work

as the Executive Director of Development at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU),

Laredo, Texas.

Her commitment to the welfare, education, and support of students was always foremost in her

thoughts and actions. Her intellect and work ethic were shared with a number of schools

including the Emma Willard School, Chase Collegiate School (formerly St. Margaret's-McTernan

School), Westover School, Wooster School, Miami Country Day School, and ultimately TAMIU.

Arrangements have not yet been finalized but an interment ceremony at the Old Pine Grove

Cemetery, Waterbury, CT, is being planned for late April or early May, 2025. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that a donation in her memory be made to the favorite charity of your choice.