



Barbara Ann Smyth

January 20, 1935 - September 8, 2018

Barbara Ann Smyth, age 83, passed away on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at her home in Bristow, Virginia.

Barbara was born Jan 20, 1935 in Crown Heights Brooklyn to Frederick & Mae Blaul. Unfortunately, Frederick died before Barbara came into this world. Eight years later she was blessed with a younger sister Patricia and her brother Joseph. In her early teens Barbara met Jack Smyth who would become the love of her life. Barbara and Jack married in 1954 and moved to Long Island. In October 1955 they were blessed with the first of 8 children, 6 daughters, Susan, Barbara, Laura, Peggy, Diane, Patricia and finally 2 sons, John & William. Their faith was strong and their love for each other and their family even stronger until tragedy struck in 1976 when Jack suddenly passed away.

Barbara remained devoted to her faith where she found strength until she was again blessed with the first of 14 grandchildren in 1980 and 8 subsequent great grandchildren all of which would remain the center of her world until her passing.

Barbara retired from a long career with the Internal Revenue in 1995 and continued to focus on family, faith and community. She was a devoted volunteer and instrumental in the creation of the new Holy Trinity Church in Gainesville, VA. Barbara was always very active in her Church as a Eucharistic Minister and many hours of volunteering for the Franciscans and

the Samaritans and continued to volunteer for the church until physical impairments limited her abilities in 2015.

Until her final day Barbara was a fighter. A life spent facing challenges, obstacles and often tragedy but never once questioning why me, rather how do I overcome with keeping her family and faith intact. Barbara was the Matriarch and center of this family and will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all the lives she touched and now knowing that she is at rest with the love of her life Jack, May God Bless Her.

Predeceased by her parents and her husband John Edward Smyth.

Survivors include eight children: Susan Ringfield, Barbara Smyth, Laura Brown and husband Paul, Peggy Silberman and husband Rich, Diane Smyth and fiancé Tim, Trisha Knox and husband Jeff, John E. Smyth and fiancée Teresa and Bill Smyth; 14 grandchildren: John, Megan, Eric, Stephanie, Jennifer, Christopher, David, Danny, Ryan, Tyler, Brad, Katie, Sasha and Samantha; 8 great grandchildren; one sister: Patricia Nolde and husband George; one brother: Joseph Vautrin and wife Patricia and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, VA. She will be laid to rest with her husband on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM at St. John's Cemetery in Middle Village, New York.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: COPD Foundation, 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Miami, FL 33134/ copdfoundation.org or Carmelite Monastery, 361 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207 in loving

memory of Barbara A. Smyth.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Prayer service

SEP 12. 7:00 PM - 7:20 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **13**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Rd
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997
(703) 753-6700

Graveside Services

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Cemetery
8001 Metropolitan Avenue
Middle Village, NY 11379

Tribute Wall

MT

“ *Much Love always, Lisa, Cassidy & Cole Thibault purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Barbara Ann Smyth.*



Much Love always, Lisa, Cassidy & Cole Thibault -
September 12, 2018 at 04:46 PM

VV

“ *Barbara and I worked together at Holy Trinity in the Rectory and then at the new church. She was great with the New York banter and kept me on my toes. Hidden in her rough exterior was a very kind, loving and caring person. Like myself many will miss her as now she will banter with St. Peter.*
V. Velotta

VA Velotta - September 12, 2018 at 04:43 PM

LT

“ *We were blessed beyond measures to have been a part of Barabra's life. She showed us love, faithfulness, friendship and compassion as she welcomed our family into hers. She was a gracious gift to so many, but we will forever cherish the wonderful memories made. You are always in our hearts sweet Nana, thank you for sharing your light, love and life with us! I know you are dancing and singing in heaven with your one true love and your legacy lives on in the amazing family you built and were so very proud of!*
We love you Lisa, Cassidy and Cole Thibault

lisa thibault - September 12, 2018 at 03:55 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Smyth.*



September 12, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ *Prayers for all the Smyth family. God gained a wonderful angel.*

Tanya Snyder - September 12, 2018 at 12:14 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Smyth.*



September 12, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Smyth.*



September 12, 2018 at 06:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Smyth.*



September 11, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ *Love, Mimi Shelbourne purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara Ann Smyth.*



Love, Mimi Shelbourne - September 11, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ *What a mark she leaves on all of us. She has been a shining example of resilience, faith, love, and graciousness. Being in her presence was always a comfort and a gift. We are grateful to have been welcomed in to her life and family. We loved her greatly.*

Kendra Kielbasa - September 11, 2018 at 07:08 PM

NT

“ Dear family of Barbara,
I have known Barbara for the better part of my 75 years through my cousin Gwen and her husband Raymond O’Keefe. I last saw Barbara in person when she stayed at my home here in Montana with Cousin Gwen. The warmth and love she radiated remain in my memory. We have maintained email contact through which she has modeled for me a life of deep faith and unconditional love of her family. In one of last emails she included the family portrait -a beaming Barbara surrounded by you all. I hold this image as a worthy evidence of Barbara’s life on earth. In her last email to me she shared her happiness about John’s upcoming marriage. I will miss her emails; yet am confident I can reach out to her in prayer and meditation- as in the belief in the communion of saints. I feel blessed and grateful for having had Barbara in my life. May all your loving memories of your times together bring you comfort and inner peace as you grieve her physical presence with you.
With love from across the miles,
Nancy Gibney Tigue

Nancy Gibney Tigue - September 11, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Smyth.



September 11, 2018 at 09:33 AM

WH

“ With our love and deepest sympathy, The Harveys purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Barbara Ann Smyth.



With our love and deepest sympathy, The Harveys -
September 10, 2018 at 11:35 PM

JH

“ Sending prayers and wishing the whole family the healing and warmth of memories during this difficult time. Keeping you all in my thoughts.
I am so happy to have spent a few minutes with her in July at the party.

Joy Hood - September 10, 2018 at 09:18 PM

CK

“ Barbara was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She was a devout woman of faith and mentor to many of us who raised our children in Braemar. God bless you Nana.

carl kielbasa - September 10, 2018 at 08:53 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Smyth.



September 10, 2018 at 05:03 PM