



Barbara Ann Breitbarth

February 21, 1948 - February 7, 2020

Barbara Ann (Martinick) Breitbarth, age 71 of Audubon, passed away on Friday, February 7, 2020 as a tired warrior who battled many serious health issues over the past two decades. Surrounded by her loving family, her courageous and strong spirit finally surrendered to complications of Multiple Myeloma – a disease that she kept in its place for almost 6 years. Barbara was truly a fighter who showed the world that strong faith trumps suffering.

Born in Philadelphia on February 21, 1948, she was the daughter of the late Peter J. Sr. and Barbara (Burkes) Martinick. She was the beloved wife of Gary G. Breitbarth for over 41 years, and the proud mother of a son, Matthew G (Kaleena) of New Hanover, and a daughter, Kathryn Ann of Upper Providence. She is survived by three sisters, Carol, Kathy (Ted) Plush, and Deb (Larry) Brady; many nieces, nephews and dear friends. An infant brother, Peter preceded her in death, but remained a guiding, gentle force throughout her life.

Barbara was a pioneer, both personally and professionally. She was the first in the extended family to earn a college degree (Villanova University, Class of 1974), and showed the world her spirit of adventure as she relocated from her home in Lafayette Hill to build a new life on the west coast at the early age of 21. There she worked in various nursing positions in the Los Angeles area, and soon married the love of her life, Gary on December 16, 1978. As their circle of love grew, they moved back to the Philadelphia area in 1984 to begin a new life. Barbara reentered the work force as a nurse for the US Postal Service. She then transferred to the Coatesville VA Hospital and worked as a psychiatric nurse, until she was injured on duty and permanently disabled.

Her early life history includes Saint Philip Neri Grade School, and Saint Matthew High School (Class of 1965). She played the oboe, worked as a candy striper and led a full, fun and funny life with so many friends. As time passed, she remained in close contact with them, as evidenced by the hundreds of Christmas cards she faithfully sent, until recent years.

Barbara enjoyed antiquing, collecting Ukrainian eggs and artifacts, and spending time with her family. She was faith-filled, kind, compassionate and loving of both people and animals. Without a doubt, she served as an inspirational role model of superior strength to all who were aware of her life's story. Her playful and sweet spirit will be greatly missed.

Relatives and friends may pay their respects on Thursday morning, February 13th, from 10-10:50am at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 519 Union Ave, Bridgeport, PA 19405. A funeral Divine Liturgy will commence in the church at 11AM. Internment will immediately follow at the church cemetery located on West Church Road in King of Prussia. Professional arrangements are by the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette St., Conshohocken.

The Breitbarth Family would like to specially acknowledge the team of health care professionals at the Pottstown Cancer Center for providing exceptional care to Barbara for close to six years as she battled Multiple Myeloma.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church at the aforementioned address, or to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, <http://www.myeloma.org> or (818) 487-7455.

Cemetery

SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery

314 West Church Road

King of Prussia, PA, 19406

Events

FEB 13 Morning Visitation 10:00AM - 10:50AM

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Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

550 Hurst Street, Bridgeport, PA, US, 19405

FEB 13 Funeral Mass 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Signed, Sealed and Delivered

Her kind spirit set free to travel
From here to the perfect place
Taking flight on the wings of an angel
As she journeyed through time and space.

Where her suffering found ultimate purpose
And the meaning of this life revealed
Experiencing the fullness of God's glory
As she learned that Heaven is real.

A fact beyond our understanding
So let faith out-muscle your mind
As your grieving heart gets mended
By the inexplicable, awesome signs.

Like the final tear that slowly fell
The moment her spirit broke through
There will be those gifts that she playfully gives
Designed to comfort you.

Signs that are sealed in mystery
Delivering hope to the few
An expressive force on a cosmic scale
What good and faithful servants do.

With a job well done, she's taken her place
Among the angels and saints, in turn
God only knows what favor she'll bring
In time we will all soon learn.

So let's give our souls a workout
Practicing chin-ups every day
Looking up and knowing we'll meet again
With sweet Barb being home to stay.

Written with love for my dear sister
who is now in Communion with the Saints
February 7, 2020



“ I was just thinking of her the other day. Met her thru her dad as he centered for the phoenixville church. Always enjoyed my time with her and loved when her family came to our church. Rest in peace Barb..condolences to her family..and remember that God does not take us...He receives us.

Cyndee Bono - February 12, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ Cyndee Bono lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Breitbarth



Cyndee Bono - February 12, 2020 at 11:06 AM



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



February 12, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Breitbarth.



February 11, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ I'm a retired writer thanks to my cousin Barb. She came home to my grandmother's to visit one summer and announced she was going to write a book. She was my older cousin (in fourth grade, I think, with me in third) so I started writing one too. She wouldn't let me see hers while she was visiting, but she left it behind when she went home, and so I read it then. It was about a girl who wanted to be a stenographer whose parents didn't want her to do so. (I don't know what they had against stenography. I actually asked her about this during her last illness, and I think she said the parents wanted their daughter to continue her education.) My book was along the lines of the Nancy Drew books to which Barb had also introduced me (another huge influence!), and after Barb went home, I kept writing -- and never stopped.

Thank you, Barb, for all those summers when I so looked forward to your two-week visits. Thank you for getting me started on my career path. And thank you for talking to me on the phone in recent weeks and letting me read you sections of the book I'm writing about my family and contributing details I didn't know.

"I love you," was the last thing I said to my Mom three years ago before she closed her eyes again and never woke up, and it was the last thing Barb and I said to each other on our last phone call. I'll miss you.

Ann Burkes - February 11, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ I am a graduate of Villanova University because of my big sis! She was a leader, warrior and one of the most compassionate people God had ever created. Eternal rest! Eternal memory!

Kathy - February 12, 2020 at 05:10 AM



“ I remember Barbara from High School. She was a great person. With Deepest sympathy to her family, May she rest in peace. Love, Concetta (Paone) Zacccone

Concetta Zacccone - February 11, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ Barbara was a true inspiration to me. I was amazed of her strong belief in God and as a pious lady. I am lucky to have know Barbara. Vichnaya Pumyat. May her memory be everlasting.

Lisa Dries - February 11, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Barbara and I were close friends throughout high school and a few years beyond. I have many fond memories of her and her humor. She lead a full life and was a beautiful person.

Beth Ann Scharff Pusey



beth ann s pusey - February 11, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Breitbarth.



February 10, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Barbara was a very kind soul whose faith in God always shined.



Irena Struk - February 10, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Family meant everything to Barb. And Barb meant so very much to our family. I will miss you Sis! Eternal rest until we meet again Love, Deb



Deb Brady - February 10, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ I'm so happy that you got to meet Kaleena and spend some quality time with us these past few weeks. Mom, I love you and miss you so much



Matthew Breitbarth - February 10, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ Wonderful memories from a glorious day. You are all so beautiful! Barb, so happy
Deb Brady - February 11, 2020 at 07:36 AM



“ Barbara was a great friend and mentor to me as a new RN on the night shift at the VA, Coatesville. A very fine lady with a great big heart. She will be greatly missed.

Robert McGonigle - February 10, 2020 at 03:16 PM



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Kathy Plush - February 10, 2020 at 01:18 PM