



Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard

August 14, 2023

Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard, 79, of Lewes, DE, passed away on Monday, August 14, 2023, surrounded by her family at Hospice & Community Care. She was born in Lancaster, PA, as the daughter of the late Theodore L. Brubaker and Martha Elizabeth Groff Brubaker. She was the loving wife to Turk (Victor R. Despard III) for 58 years of marriage.

Barbara is a graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School; she attended Chatam University for three years and then attended Millersville University where she received her Bachelor of arts degree. She received her Master of Science in counseling from Villanova University. For most of her career, Barbara was a dedicated counselor at Lancaster/Lebanon/Harrisburg IU before working at Lancaster Country Day School until her retirement in 2009.

Barbara played competitive tennis and racquetball and most recently pickleball. She was an amazing gardener, loved walking on the beach but most of all Barbara enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Barbara volunteered her time at the Lancaster Community Gallery where she was the head of docents, and J.E. Fritz Elementary, where she served as the head of the volunteers committee.

In addition to her husband, Barbara is survived by her son, Victor Boyd Despard (Megan O'Brien), her two daughters, Elizabeth Louise Despard Guida (Steve Caldwell), and Mary Allison Despard (David Ratner), eight grandchildren, Lindsey Nicole Guida, Natalie Meredith Guida, Kai Despard Ratner, Keegan Despard Ratner, McCaffrey O'Brien Despard, Bridget Kerwick Despard, Joseph Boyd Despard, and Hill Patrick Despard. She is also survived by her sister Mary Brubaker Garman Miller and was preceded in death by her brother George Theodore Brubaker.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Barbara's Memorial Service at Lititz Moravian Congregation, 8 Church Square, Lititz PA 17543 on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 12:00 noon with Rev. Mark V. Breland officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. A private family interment will take place immediately following the service in the family plot at Lititz Moravian Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution in Barbara's name to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Cemetery Details

Lititz Moravian Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lititz Moravian Church
8 Church Square
Lititz, PA 17543

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Barbie and I shared McCaskey classes and carpools and, memorably, a tent at Camp Oneka for many summers. Such a positive, dependable friend! The world is diminished by the loss of her sparkle. I wish we had done a better job of keeping in touch. Sending much love to the whole family, especially Mary and Turk.*

Kate Donnelly Hickey - August 20, 2023 at 03:29 PM



Thank you for your kind words Kate. I remember those growing up years so well. What fun we all had.

Mary B Garman-Miller - August 30, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *I worked with Barb at Lancaster Country Day School. Has school nurse we work together to help many students there. We were always there for each other also. Please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences for the passing of Barb. She was a bright light in my working career. I'll be praying for Turk all those grandkids. Take care*

Heidi Caputo - August 19, 2023 at 10:09 AM

LS

“ Love, Cathy and Steve Stanzione purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard.



Love, Cathy and Steve Stanzione - August 18, 2023 at 12:49 PM

LS

“ Love, Cathy and Steve Stanzione planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard.

Love, Cathy and Steve Stanzione - August 18, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard.



August 18, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard.

August 18, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard.*



August 18, 2023 at 08:04 AM



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August 18, 2023 at 08:04 AM



“ *Prayers that God will bring you comfort & strength during this very difficult time and in the days ahead. -- Marge Frohnafel*

Marge Frohnafel - August 17, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *Barbara was a wonderful and dedicated counselor to the students at LCDS for many years. It was a pleasure and honor to work with her at the school. I have many fond and precious memories of our times together. We shared many happy and many challenging times. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with her. May she rest in peace. Blessings and deep sympathy goes out to her family. - Becky Grube*

Becky Grube - August 17, 2023 at 02:36 PM

MR

“ One hell of a lady has left us. I met Barbi in 1978, when Turk and I got together. I was impressed right from the start - kindest lady I ever met, never a bad word about anybody.

My physical health isn't going to allow me to visit her viewing on Saturday, but my condolences to Turk, Elizebeth, Allison & Boyd.

Marx Rehder - August 16, 2023 at 03:39 PM

AD

So glad to hear from you Marx! Will pass along to Dad!

Allison Despard - August 30, 2023 at 09:33 AM

SC

“ Barbi was such a good friend. I remember the golf, tennis, and paddle tennis we player together with Thea, Alice Lynn, Marsha, Barbi and I. i remember the time Turk brought cupcakes to us on the paddle courts so we could celebrate Barbi's January birthday!! Gary and I send our love and sympathy to Mary, Liz, Allison, Boyd and their families.

Sandy Cross - August 16, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard.



August 16, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Ann Brubaker Despard.

August 16, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ A great lady that I met while coaching her granddaughters...she will be missed...Tim & Monique Bamforth/Seashore Striders...Lewes, DE

Tim Bamforth - August 16, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ With deepest sympathy on her passing. She was a lovely, caring lady.



Agnes DiPietrantonio - August 16, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ To all, I am shocked and so sorry to hear about Barbi. She was a lovely person and at one time, a very good friend and important person in my life. Conrad Nelson, Buena Vista, Colorado

Conrad W. Nelson - August 16, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ My "way back" friend...the world is less bright without Barbi's smile and warmth. Lizzie, Allison, Boyd -- you have my love.
Anne Gardner

Anne Gardner - August 16, 2023 at 09:14 AM

MW

“ *My last memory of Barbara was a wonderful bike ride we took on the boardwalk in Lewes where she loved living at the beach and then a fantastic day at the Botanical Garden in Singapore when we had the good fortune to be in the same place while she and Turk visited Allison and family, and I was on a stop on my way home to California from Sri Lanka. The years and distance never seemed to make a difference in our friendship. She was the consummate mother and grandmother, wife, and friend. I will miss her! Love to Mary and Turk and all her wonderful kids and families, Marney*

Marney Weaver - August 15, 2023 at 10:25 PM