



Barbara Florence Manges

June 20, 1939 - August 15, 2018

Barbara Florence Manges (née Ayasse) passed away surrounded by family on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, due to congestive heart failure brought on by a seven-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was born in Floral Park, Queens, New York on June 20, 1939. She was 79 years old. Barbara was the daughter of Clara (née Jaeger) and Andrew Ayasse. Barbara started her career as a nurse, after having her children, in Northport, NY, and later in Allentown, PA. She was active in community affairs throughout her life including her church and Girl Scouts for many years. While living in Allentown PA, (1976 - 96) Barbara served on a Women's Advisory Board after being appointed by the Lehigh County Commissioners office to examine women's issues in the county (1986-87). Also in Allentown, she owned and operated a small personal care facility for the underprivileged elderly. In her retirement, she moved to Delaware to be close to her daughters and grandchildren where she and her husband worked at Longwood Gardens for twelve years. Barbara most enjoyed life by attending theater, going to the beach, boating, horseback riding, playing mahjonn with friends, and most of all being with her family. Those who knew her admired her spirit, her strength, and compassion for others. She was loving and patient even on the hardest of days. The family would like to thank the many nurses, doctors and support staff at Christiana Care and Heartland Hospice for their unending support. In the past seven years and especially in the last five months, she was grateful for the many friends from Grace Lutheran church and from her network of friends that

visited. They were kind enough to bring dinners, encouragement, provide company on low energy days and shower her with greeting cards daily. Their words, their hugs, and their shared tears provided a renewed courage each day. She was never alone in her fight. Her last triumph was beating cancer to the finish line and not allowing it to overtake her.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her son, Keith; beloved husband of 59 years, Richard Manges; and her only sibling, Roland Ayasse. She is survived by two daughters, Vanessa Manges-Spence and Valerie Hall; son-in-law Gene Spence; and four grandchildren: Nicholas Hall, Nelson Hall, Dylan Spence, and Genevieve Spence

A visitation will be held Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 10-11 AM Grace Lutheran Church, 2033 Graves Rd., Hockessin, DE 19707 followed by a service in celebration of Barbara's life at 11 AM. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, she would like to help fight for others by making a memorial donation to the Delaware Ovarian Cancer Foundation (in her memory) 701 Sweetleaf Dr., Wilmington DE, 19808, www.deovariancancer.org For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church
2033 Graves Rd.
Hockessin, DE 19707

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Susan Guerino lit a candle in memory of Barbara Florence Manges*



Susan Guerino - September 07, 2018 at 08:45 AM

NB

“ *Barbara always had a smile for everyone...and often shared a laugh. She had an indomitable spirit that was an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be missed.*

Nancy Braybrook-Walma - August 21, 2018 at 09:43 AM

SC

“ *Barbara will be missed by all who knew her. She always had such a positive attitude. Our mah jongg group sends our thoughts and prayers to her family.*

Sandy

Sandy Cornelia - August 21, 2018 at 05:25 AM

NK

I will remember Barbara as a kind friend with the biggest smile, always.
Nancy Kanienberg

Nancy Kanienberg - August 30, 2018 at 11:38 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy Hiding* lit a candle in memory of Barbara Florence Manges



Chrissy Hiding - August 18, 2018 at 06:34 PM

NA

“ *I met Barbara a one of the ovarian cancer walks and I knew instantly that she was someone I wanted to get to know better. We had several opportunities over a few years to get together and I'll cherish those chats we had. This will leave a huge empty hole in the Manges family.*

Nancy - August 18, 2018 at 02:16 PM

NA

“ *Nancy lit a candle in memory of Barbara Florence Manges*



Nancy - August 18, 2018 at 02:13 PM

AS

“ *Barbara was a kind and fun women, our hearts are broken. We will truly miss her but will never forget her or Richard! RIP Aunt Barbara!*



Anthony Siniscalchi - August 17, 2018 at 08:27 PM

TF

“ *Together again.*



The Siniscalchi Family - August 17, 2018 at 07:19 PM

TF

“ *May you Rest In Peace Aunt Barbara. You were a beautiful, loving woman and will be missed greatly by all who knew you. All our love and sympathies to Vanessa, Gene, Valerie and all four of her grandchildren. Until we meet again.*



The Siniscakchi Family - August 17, 2018 at 07:18 PM