



Barbara McKenna

October 4, 1937 - March 31, 2022

The long goodbye of Alzheimer's Disease ended for Barbara McKenna on March 31, 2022. She is off to spend eternity on a beach with her beloved husband, Phil McKenna, and have ridiculously long phone calls with her daughter, Josephine Wilson. Barbara recently achieved 49 years of sobriety through Alcoholics Anonymous, and in that time, she helped thousands of people achieve the same gift. At the age of 52 she obtained her master's degree and opened an outpatient substance abuse treatment center which she ran until her retirement in 2012. To speak of her sobriety is not to imply our mother was a restrained woman. Her life was as big and loud as her taste in jewelry. She spoke her mind, shared her life and her home, and traveled extensively. Her heart was as big as her shoe closet.

Barbara Little Quinn was born October 4, 1937, in Charleston, WV to Albert and Madge Quinn. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Michael Quinn as well as her husband, Philip McKenna and oldest daughter, Josephine Wilson.

She will be fondly remembered for her sharp wit, love of dogs and a life miraculously well lived. Left to mourn her absence are her children Kurt Wagemann and wife Cindy, Marie Cephas, Alberta Crowley, Olga Perkins and husband Bob, Thomas Wagemann and Katie Hoskins and husband Greg, 20 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

We are forever grateful to the staff of Compassionate Care Hospice, especially Jessica, Aaron, and Chaplain Doug, for being such support for Mom and us. We ask that you consider a donation to them in Mom's memory at Compassionate Care Hospice, 111 Continental Drive, Suite 407, Newark, DE 19713.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Friday, April 8 from 10 – 11 AM at Strano and Feeley Family Funeral Home. A service in celebration of Barbara's life will follow at 11 AM. Burial will be private. To send an online condolence please visit www.stranofeeley.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
info@stranofeeley.com

Service

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ *I very much enjoyed Barbara's company and admired her kindness and generosity toward others. Her strength, especially after Phil's death, was awesome. I am sorry to hear she is gone.*

Coleen Hanna - July 30, 2022 at 08:33 PM

OP

Thank you Coleen.

Olga Petkins - August 08, 2022 at 07:21 PM

DF

“ *My memories and experiences are not as plentiful in quantity, over the years we saw you less. But I do remember 3rd grade grandparents day in Mrs. Pulliams class-you were there. I remember Rehobeth beach days-you were there. I remember when my mom first started getting sick you would call her and talk for hours. That meant so much to her. I remember seeing you for the first time in a long time at my moms funeral-you were not the same spunky grandma I remembered. You did not really know who my siblings and I were but you knew your daughter-and I saw your sadness, the sadness of an unbelievably difficult experience of attending your first born child's funeral. I'm sorry for what must have been a really hard journey of Alzheimer's disease and I know that was not the final chapter you hoped for in the otherwise eclectic, adventure filled, and exciting book of your life. Your loss makes me sad because you're not just my grandma, but my moms mom-and I know she would have been sad to say goodbye. Give her a hug from us. Rest peacefully, Grandma.*

Dierdre Fitzsimons - April 08, 2022 at 02:06 PM

CC

“ *My most sincere and profound prayers and condolences, OLGA, KATIE and the Entire Family.
Barbara Mckenna is one of my SHEROS!
Rest Barbara, rest. - Charles Cockrell*

Charles Cockrell - April 08, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DD

“ *Barbara was one of my first contacts when I entered into the field of addictions. She always made time for me and loved her smile when she entered a room, She was a valued member of the professional and recovering community.*

David Dunkel - April 07, 2022 at 05:24 PM

DD

“ *David Dunkel purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Barbara McKenna.*



David Dunkel - April 07, 2022 at 05:11 PM

RW

“ *I remember being a little girl always hanging out at my grandmas house. Whether it was laying in bed with her and grandpa Phil eating ice cream or going through her closet and jewelry. She taught me everything I know about jewelry and high heels. Through out my life she was there through my darkest times and always showed me love and support. She was the best grandma I could have ever asked for and I'll never stop missing her.*

Rebecca Winters - April 07, 2022 at 03:36 PM



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



April 07, 2022 at 03:38 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara McKenna.*



April 06, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of your mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Barbara was larger than life and radiated a kind of confidence that I found reassuring. I can still hear her wise voice in my head and hope I can carry the message half as well as she did.*

Martha H.

Martha Holmes - April 06, 2022 at 06:15 AM

SF

“ Barbara was my neighbor and best friend, when I lived in senior housing. We had many great times together. She even took me swimming 🏊♂️ with the grand children. I really missed her when she moved out. We were even going to get a purple streak in our hair. We never did it. One my best memories was a trip to Baltimore MD. Great day. God rest in peace now! Will always be in my heart and prayers 🙏❤️.

Sharyn A. Ford - April 05, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Barbara McKenna.



April 04, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Barbara McKenna.



April 04, 2022 at 07:39 PM

LS

“ Lynn Little Smith purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara McKenna.



Lynn Little Smith - April 04, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Barbara McKenna.



April 04, 2022 at 12:22 PM



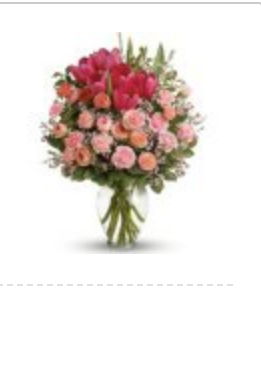
“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Barbara McKenna.



April 04, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Barbara McKenna.



April 03, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Peggy and Michael Burns* purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Barbara McKenna.



Peggy and Michael Burns - April 03, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Barbara McKenna.



April 03, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Katie, Greg, Emily, Evan Hoskins* purchased the *Touching Tribute Spray* for the family of Barbara McKenna.



Katie, Greg, Emily, Evan Hoskins - April 02, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *Terry, Brigitte, Kathleen, Jean* purchased the *Large Basket Garden* for the family of Barbara McKenna.



Terry, Brigitte, Kathleen, Jean - April 02, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Linda Norwood and Doug Hoskins* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Barbara McKenna.



Linda Norwood and Doug Hoskins - April 02, 2022 at 05:09 PM

PK

“ i will always remember the fun times on Garnett Rd. So many parties and so much fun being a part of the Garnett Girlies. Love you and thank you for being a big part of my life. Always, Pat

Patricia A Kearns - April 02, 2022 at 04:09 PM



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



April 02, 2022 at 03:58 PM

AB

“ Ms. Barbara was a second mom to me during my childhood. She was a huge influence on my life without even knowing it. She was always full of life and joy and showed me what a strong and confident woman looked like. She never uttered an unkind word. She was a wonderful second mother and I will miss her. My prayers are with all her family during this hard time. Love Amy



Amy Bowen - April 02, 2022 at 12:20 PM






“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara McKenna.



April 02, 2022 at 11:42 AM

PB

“ Barbara saved my life, she became my sponsor 43 years ago. Barbara showed me how to live she led me through my recovery program and she even shared Phil with me in terms of having a sponsor in law. I was blessed that they both were in my life. I love Barbara very much and have great memories of our travels together through the years. Her legacy will go on and on and on with the thousands of people that she shared her experience strength and hope with. My condolences to each and every one of her children. Gone but never forgotten!
Love and hugs Peggy   

Peggy Burns - April 02, 2022 at 09:30 AM

TS

“ My prayers and condolences are with you.
Traci Skelton

Traci Skelton - April 02, 2022 at 07:15 AM