



Barbara Mary Varchol

April 11, 1940 - April 19, 2022

Barbara Mary Varchol, 82, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. She was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to Joseph and Matilda Varchol on April 11, 1940.

Barbara was an intelligent, kind, and accomplished woman. Her desire for knowledge began in her early years, as girl scout. She went on to receive her Bachelor's degree from the College of New Jersey and her Master's degree and PhD from Indiana University. After moving to Tallahassee, Barbara became a true Seminole as Dean of Students for Florida State University. Her free time was typically spent outside, working in the yard and gardening.

Barbara Varchol is survived, loved, and missed by her sister, Bette Wary; her niece, Kim Ormsby; her great-niece, Laura; and her great-nephew, Austin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the death of Barbara Varchol. I can unequivocally say that she was one of the best supervisors I had the pleasure of working with and learning from. She was not only an educator, but she was a developer of human beings. She lifted you to a level far beyond what you believed you were capable of producing.

An enabler in the most positive ways. She was a consummate professional! Student life was a part of her being and she was intent on developing each member of her team so that their full potential could be realized. Her charismatic personality and confidence gave her the ability to draw you into a vision that she espoused that the mission of those who worked with students outside the classroom, had the responsibility and charge of developing each student we encountered to reach their full potential in the time we worked with them. That was the model she projected and those who worked with her did our very best to follow!

I am pleased to say she was my friend, my teacher, and my role model. She was such a wonderful credit to this profession. I offer her family my deepest sympathy.

Paulette S. Thompson
Nashville, TN

PAULETTE S THOMPSON - January 17, 2024 at 09:47 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the death of this wonderful woman. She was a mentor and friend to me in my first professional position, and she taught me so much about work and life. My thoughts are with the family as they deal with this sad loss.

Nan Schreier

Nan Schreier - May 04, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ Dr. Barbara Varchol was an extraordinary leader. Her vast experience in academia and student affairs and her exceptional insight helped develop and expand the resources and services of the Dean of Students Department.

She embraced the immense importance of leading a department dealing with all aspects of student life. She understood the complex needs of students and constantly sought the best way to meet those needs.

Dr. Varchol was a mentor for so many, especially her beloved graduate students. She set the bar high and provided the training and guidance to help achieve success. Her forward thinking and wise counsel influenced many new leaders who are now making an impact across the country.

Dr. Varchol's life was devoted to making a better place for others. Mission accomplished.

Jan Daly

Jan Daly - April 27, 2022 at 01:48 PM

JD

“ I was so sorry to hear the news of Barbara Varchol’s death. Barbara was a close colleague and a wonderful friend to students. As Dean of Students at FSU Barbara helped to create a welcoming environment for all students. She as especially helpful to so many students who encountered difficulties in colleague. She made such a positive difference in the lives of so many young students.
Dr. Jon Dalton

Jon Dalton - April 25, 2022 at 05:03 PM

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“ I can't begin to write how much of an impact Barbara Varchol had on my life. She was one of a kind, and will be missed. Sending my love and condolences to her sister and biological family- as well as her higher ed family. My mother worked with her at Vanderbilt for years before I came to FSU as a Master's student in higher education. I will never forget the day we first met- and I was so fortunate to have her looking out for me while I was at Florida State. She did such a great job of keeping up with us all these years- We love you Barbara!

Sherry Ebrahimi - April 25, 2022 at 02:02 PM

JM

“ Barbara was a friend to all at FSU. Dedicated to students and staff at FSU. I'll always remember her smile.

jane martin - April 22, 2022 at 09:22 PM

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“ *Barbara has been a dear friend since I met her in 1967. She was a great listener, steadfast supporter, with a great curiosity and sensitivity. I send my deepest sympathy to her beloved sister Bette, niece Kim, and Kim's son and daughter, Austin and Laura. May she live on in our many happy memories of her.*

Nancy Meacham - April 22, 2022 at 09:05 AM