



Ms. Barbara Eileen Waltz

August 14, 1954 - August 23, 2022

Barbara Eileen Waltz, 68, passed away on August 23, 2022, at Big Bend Hospice House. She was born to Louis Emmett and Jewell Anderson Waltz in Hollywood, Florida, on August 14, 1954.

Barbara moved to Tallahassee in the early 2000's. Florida was more than a home to her; she loved everything about it. She took photos as often as she could. She was politically engaged and a devoted parishioner of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Barbara was selfless to a fault and she adored her family above all else.

Barbara is survived by her children, Shawn Waltz (Melody) and Nicole LeBeau; her sister, Cathy Kessler (Bruce); and her four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Abbey Funeral Home on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. EST.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice House (www.bigbendhospice.org/honors/).

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 25. 3:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
4037 North Monroe Street
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abbeyfh@comcast.net

Tribute Wall



“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Barbara Eileen Waltz*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - August 25, 2022 at 01:50 PM

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“ *August 1954 - I was just 8 years old and my Uncle Emmett and Aunt Jewel assigned me my first job: Help take care of newborn Babs. Having watched television shows, I knew that being hygienic was important. Thus, I created a head mask of an old brown grocery bag and installed a clear plastic visual pane. Then I helped with diapers, etc. I was rewarded with my first "earned" one dollar bill which was then framed with cardboard.*

I did not get to visit much with Babs over the years, but I know that she was kind and loving. We will miss Babs. - Mac (Richard McNeill)

Richard McNeill - August 25, 2022 at 02:52 PM

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“ I saw the impact of Babs’s character on others on a Christmas 2010 road trip from Tallahassee to Florence, Arizona to visit Mother, her Aunt Art. It had been 40 years since she had last been in Arizona— on a 1970 trip with Cathy, Aunt Jewell and Uncle Emmett. Always attuned to others, on the 2010 trip brought a huge box of Little Debbie crème filled oatmeal cookies because she remembered I liked those gooey cookies. Lots of laughter, happy times as we barreled West. Babs, a lover of history, riding shotgun, pointed out historical sites from Triptychs she had AAA prepare for our trip. Sensitive and observant, she noted the subtle changes in landscape from the Florida pan handle to the Arizona desert. Across country we stayed with my friends and relatives where they embraced our sweet, kind, gracious Babs: Mandeville, Louisiana, friend’s condo— saw camels next to car as a Live Nativity was breaking up Austin, Texas, my hysterically funny Aunt Louise’s where she and my cousins showed Babs the town and the Texas state capital; San Antonio- where Babs chased the cats of the Alamo for a perfect photo to show Aunt Art; Texas Hill Country, LBJ Ranch where Luci Baines Johnson was lighting the Ranch Christmas tree; Chuy’s Mexican Restaurant, Van Horn, Texas, where Babs sat in her hero John Madden’s seat of honor. Babs particularly loved the mining town of Bisbee, Arizona where we stayed in my long time friend’s house clinging to a hillside. It was in Bisbee where we saw an eclipse and my friend Jane told Babs she had the most beautiful blue eyes she had ever seen. Everyone loved our Babs. Will miss her as she ends her earthly journey and is now with Aunt Jewell and Uncle Emmett and rests beside them in Tallahassee Memorial Gardens. We lost her way too soon. Rare person hidden in plain view. Cousin Paula (Glad Babs saved some of the “historical” artifacts of our childhood—dog Jacques’s toy piano he played for all of us.)

Paula McNeill - August 25, 2022 at 01:05 PM

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“ The last time I saw Babs was in October, 2013, when she rode down to south Florida with Cathy, Paula and Diane for Tim McDonald's 70th birthday party. I think it was a surprise party. It was a great time and a wonderful memory. The next day we all piled into my car and had a memory lane drive over to Little Flower Church and school, 2525 Pierce Street (her Hollywood home where she grew up), down to Ojus to visit the huge banyan tree still stands and where our grandparents lived for so many years. We even went to Greynolds Park and climbed the tower that is still there today. It was a lovely weekend and this is the joyful memory in my mind I would like to share today of Babs. I wish all the Waltz family and friends my deepest love and condolences until we meet again. Love to you all. Cousin Flo (Florene)

Flo Cancilla Lizana - August 25, 2022 at 10:10 AM

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“ Just thinking about our sweet, kind Babs as we all prepare to say goodbye to her tomorrow. I've had a soft spot for her since childhood and saw a special kindness about her even then. Cathy, you have been the glue holding out family together in this time of sadness. Thank you for that. So happy your Bruce is with you and has been for 43 years and Charlie and Christine have supported you. Shawn, Mel, Rachel and Tyler, thank you for never leaving Babs side. Feel honored to have been in her presence, her light. None of this is easy. You all learned how to love from the best, Aunt Jewell and Uncle Emmett. My love to all of you. Paula

Paula McNeill - August 24, 2022 at 09:37 PM

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“ Most of my memories of Babs are when we were younger living in S. Florida; spending the night at the Waltzes' and family gatherings. Babs always had an interesting perspective on things. One day I biked to her house and she was across the street. She offered to pierce my ears using ice cubes to numb them and a sewing needle for the piercing. So, to this day, I think of Babs when I am putting on my earrings. She was also so thoughtful about sending texts on my birthdays. I am so happy we took a very quick "road trip" to S. Florida for our Uncle Tim's 70th birthday several years ago. Babs and I sat in the backseat for hours and it is a fond memory of the time together. ~Cousin, Diane Savaiko

DIANE SAVAIKO - August 24, 2022 at 09:15 PM

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“ I didn't know Ms Barbara personally but from what I've heard she was a loving and and caring women. Sending sympathy and condolences to the entire family. Personally thinking of you Melody and Shawn ❤️. Love you guys.
Mrs. Angela Nicholas HFCS/Lafayette La



Angela Nicholas - August 24, 2022 at 06:56 PM