



Mrs. Barbara Ann Robbins Bauer

September 20, 1944 - February 6, 2025

Barbara Ann Robbins Bauer “Barb”, age 80, passed away on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Barb was born in Mobile, Alabama on September 20, 1944, and graduated from Murphy High School in 1962. With a natural talent for numbers, her first job was as a bookkeeper for a local veterinarian. Soon after graduation, she achieved a perfect score on a screening exam for Merchants National Bank, marking the beginning of her decades-long banking career. Barb worked at Merchants until 1969, when she had her first child. She returned to banking part-time when her children were in grade school, after the family moved to Marietta, Ohio, in 1977. The family relocated again to Shelton, Connecticut, in 1983, where she transitioned into Human Resources and completed her career as the Vice President of Benefits for New Alliance Bank, retiring at the age of 62 in 2006.

Family was the most important thing to Barb. No matter where the family lived, she always made it feel like home. She loved decorating for every holiday, hosting and entertaining friends and family, and holding “grandma camps” every summer. Throughout her life, she was an active member of her church. Once retired, she helped start Resale Heaven, her church’s consignment store, where she continued to volunteer her time.

In addition to being a collector of antiques and other beautiful things, Barb had many artistic talents. Over the years, she became an expert in flower arranging, painting, sewing, and many other arts and crafts. She was also an

avid reader and a life master bridge player. Barb was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, bridge partner, and friend.

Barb was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 61 years, Kenneth Bauer and her parents, Travis Robbins and Annie Ruth Fleming. She is survived by her daughter Angie Snyder (and her husband Jim) and granddaughters Lindsey and Abby; son Kent (and his wife Melissa) and grandsons Dylan and Jacob, as well as her siblings: Larry (and his wife Janet), Lester "Bubba" Cook, Patricia Hanks (and her husband Bill), Brenda James (and her husband Mickey), and recently reconnected half-brothers Pete, Steve, and Tommy, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Gulf Shores Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, friends are invited to make memorial contributions to Shriners Children's or St Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gulf Shores Methodist Church
1900 Gulf Shores Parkway
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Barb’s passing. I know she missed Ken dearly. Remembering our good times in Shelton: HUMC, Christmas House Tour decorating until wee hours and getting to work at good old Derby Savings in the morning, girls weekends in Martha’s Vineyard and Killington, VT, antiquing and so many more. Angie, Kent and families - your mom and dad were such special people and they will be missed. Barbara and Bruce Poole, Murrells Inlet, SC.

Barbara Poole - March 10, 2025 at 09:10 PM

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“ I am shocked and saddened to learn of my 1st cousin’s passing. When we were children Barbara spent a summer with my family. We played Canasta constantly & had so much fun. It’s no wonder she and I became avid Bridge players when we grew up. The last time I spoke with Barbara and Kenneth was at my husband’s funeral in Dec. 2023. I know they are missed by their family and friends.

Rora Fleming Glenn - February 24, 2025 at 05:17 PM