



Barbara Pankowski

April 28, 1938 - January 26, 2022

Barbara L. Pankowski of Manville passed away peacefully at home on January 26, 2022 surrounded by her loving family following a very courageous battle with Cancer. She was 83 years old. Barbara was born on April 28, 1938 in Somerville, NJ. Barbara was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Benedict Sr., her beloved son, Benedict Jr. , her mother, Katherine Croffey Helgesen, her father, Edward D. Helgesen and her sister, Emily Vokes.

Barbara graduated from Bound Brook High School, married her high school sweetheart Benedict Pankowski, Sr., the love of her life and settled in Manville and raised their 5 children. Barbara and Benedict purchased a second home in Toms River where they spent many summers and weekends with their children and grandchildren boating, crabbing, BBQing and listening to country music. Barbara enjoyed attending concerts of her favorite country artists like Brooks and Dunn and Willie Nelson. Barbara and Benedict enjoyed traveling and went on 33 cruises together. Barbara was an avid reader and a crossword puzzle enthusiast. She also loved to laugh and her family was most important in her life.

Barbara is survived by her daughters Kathryn Costello and Tracy Bauer, her son Al Pankowski and his wife Alison, her son Edward Pankowski, her sisters Helen Aversa and Lillian Homyak, 8 grandchildren: Barbara Glinka, Robert and Bradley Costello, Jessica Fazekas, Kelly Bauer, Natalia and Edward

Pankowski Jr., and Nicole Torch as well as 15 great grandchildren: Anthony, Renee, Natalie, Rebecca, Alex, Makenna, Amore, Olivia, Brady, Audrey, Sophia, Ralph, Ava, Dannie Anne and Wesley. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 2, 2022 from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ 08835.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, February 2, 2022 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (Christ the Redeemer Parish) in Manville, NJ. Face masks are required during the visitation at the Funeral Home and they are required at the Church for the Funeral Mass.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 575-8512
info@ketusky.com
<https://www.ketusky.com>

Mass

FEB 2. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
98 South Second Ave.
Manville, NJ 08835

Tribute Wall

JU

“ *Very sorry For your loss may your mom rest in peace*

joe ulicny - February 27, 2022 at 03:08 PM



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



January 31, 2022 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ *The greatest gift of life is friendship and I had that with Barbara for 69 years. We met in our freshman year in high school. We had many sleepovers, borrowed each other's clothes, and doubled dated with Ben and Bob. We drifted apart for a while but got back together as if it were yesterday. We had good times, laughs and tears. I will truly miss you my treasured friend. Love you, Joan (Joni)*

Joan Fine - January 30, 2022 at 01:54 PM

DA

“ *Sending my deepest heartfelt condolences and much love 🙏💚💚*



Dawn - January 29, 2022 at 02:40 PM

KW

Barbara, to a wonderful person. I have missed you and Benny at the Giants games. It just hasn't been the same without the both of you sitting next to me. I love you both. My condolences to the entire family. You are all in my thought and prayers My heart breaks for all of you.

Kathleen Weimer - February 13, 2022 at 11:29 PM

LH

“ To our sister who was beautiful in every way. Beautiful to look at and with a beautiful character and heart. You will never be forgotten that's for sure. Our times together and all the fun we had will never be forgotten. You left us with the most wonderful memories. We will miss you always but we know you are now with the two loves of your life. We love you Barb.

Sisters, Lillian and Helen (Lolly)

Lillian Homyak - January 29, 2022 at 01:54 PM

PZ

“ Peter & Judy Zeban lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pankowski



Peter & Judy Zeban - January 28, 2022 at 09:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Pankowski.



January 28, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Pankowski.*



January 28, 2022 at 02:22 PM