



Barbara A. Caswell

August 30, 1940 - January 5, 2021

Exeter, NH - Barbara A. Caswell, 80, a resident of Riverwoods in Exeter, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 after a period of failing health.

Barbara was born in Lawrence, MA on August 30, 1940 to Charles and Edmee Bradley. She grew up in Andover, MA and attended Abbott Academy, graduating with the class of 1957. She was then accepted and attended Manhattanville College in New York, graduating with the class of 1961.

Barbara was the wife of Paul H. Caswell, who predeceased her in 2009. She leaves behind two sons, Paul B. Caswell of Annapolis, MD, Dr. Philip Caswell and his wife Rupal of Sparta NJ., her daughter Carolyn Heinen and her husband Joseph of Sudbury MA, and five grandchildren including Yasmeen, Dillon and Jaisen Caswell and Nate and Zoe Heinen. She is also survived by her brother Robert Bradley of Boston, MA and predeceased by brothers Charles E. Bradley of Darien, CT and William Bradley of Fort Meyers, FL.

Upon her graduation from college, she spent time working in the hospitality industry in St. Thomas in the Caribbean. She moved back to New York City a few years later taking a position as an administrative assistant with NBC at 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

Later, she met and married her husband Paul and moved to Darien, CT to raise her three children. During her time in Darien she became active in education serving on the board of education and eventually as its President. When Paul retired in 1992, they settled in Rye Beach, and spent winters in Savannah Georgia until they moved to Vero Beach, FL residing at The Grand Harbor Golf and Beach Club.

During her retirement years Barbara was an avid golfer and active in the Rye community volunteering with the Rye Library, Rye Garden Club and also supported the A.S.P.C.A. A devout catholic, she was a communicant of St. Theresa Church in Rye Beach. One of her biggest passions during retirement was painting pictures of the beach and other beautiful

scenes in the area. She also loved to travel and spend time at the beach with her friends and family at the Rye Beach Club.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11 A.M. Saturday, January 16th at St. Theresa Church, 815 Central Road, Rye Beach. Relatives and friends are welcome. To view live stream go to <https://www.sainttheresachurchrye.org/> A private burial for the family members will be held at Central Cemetery Rye. In lieu of traditional remembrances donations may be made to The Alzheimers Association(<https://www.alz.org/nca/donate>>) Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home and Crematory, Hampton.

Cemetery Events

Central Cemetery JAN

20 Central Road **16**

Rye, NH,

Memorial Mass

11:00AM

St Theresa Church

815 Central Rd (603) 964-6440, Rye Beach, NH, US, 03871

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - January 12 at 10:57 AM



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



January 14 at 11:39 AM



“ 177 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - January 12 at 10:32 AM



“ Thank you for the many smiles these brought!

Sue Marcotte-Jenkins - January 15 at 07:40 PM



“ Barbara was my dad's kid cousin; born the year he turned 20. Just a few years later, when my dad, an only child, was serving in the Navy in WWII, a little Barbara had extended visits with my grandparents and great grandmother. In photos from those visits, there is little Barbara with a just-so bow in her hair and looking very confident in the admiring gaze of her doting aunt, uncle, and grandmother. There are many references to Barbara in the huge volume of letters that my grandmother saved from those war years. Obviously that little Barbara was a huge ray of sunshine during a period of time that was otherwise, I'm sure, dark with the burdens of war that are borne by family members at home.

Fast forward about ten years. . . . My parents had married and wasted no time in having their family---three girls in less than three years. Barbara the young teenager helped my frazzled parents during more extended visits. My parents adored her. They blessed me by choosing Barbara to be my godmother.

Fast forward another ten years . . . my sisters and I looked forward to visits with Barbara who was living the life. . . . I was spell-bound by her tales about working in NY City for NBC and knowing the already famous Barbara Walters. Plus she had captivating stories of living in exotic St. Thomas. Her very cool life as a young, single professional had a big influence on my thinking about the possibilities ahead of me. Then she had a dreamy wedding that captivated my sisters and me. My older sister still remembers the yellow corsage she got to wear as the attendant of the guest book.

In several more years . . . Barbara's daughter arrived (after two boys). Barbara asked ME to be her daughter's godmother who became MY daughter's godmother 20 years after that!

Finally, in more recent years, my husband and I are remembering getaway-visits at Jenness Beach and the Beach Club and, as she became more frail, the simple pleasures of watching a Patriots game or a golf tournament with her.

I'm grateful she was in my life. I smile imagining a heavenly reunion among all of those relatives who filled with laughter my grandparents' living room all those years ago. But here, she will be missed. Peace and love to all of the family.

Sue Marcotte-Jenkins - January 16 at 01:54 PM



“ Nina, Lisa, Tim and Lauren join me in sending sincere condolences and sympathy to Barbara’s extended family. We remember her genuine love of Rye and Rye Beach, Beach Club, South Road and golf at Abenaqui. She and her husband Paul had many happy days in retirement in Vero Beach but always loved to come home to the beach. We will remember Barbara fondly and know that the good Lord and Paul have welcomed her home.

John Bottomley

John Bottomley - January 10 at 11:51 AM



“ Sandy, Philip and Carolyn,
Peter and I were thankful to be able to watch your Mom’s service today as we are in Naples for the winter. You both spoke eloquently and we smiled and smirked and cried right along with you. You did Barbara proud. And, it has been fun to look at all the photos you have posted here. It’s nice to see your Dad again, as well. Lots of smiles then bring lots of smiles today. Thank you for sharing the day with us.

Jennifer and Peter Clark

Jennifer Reed Clark - January 16 at 03:08 PM



“ Neil joins me in sending condolences to Barbara’s family and friends. In my 68 year old baby book, in our basement, I found a sheet of paper, in her writing, of my vocabulary words when I was very young. It points to a very old and long relationship. (And a need to Kondo the basement!) I have fond memories of Barbara and have shared her love of cats and interest in painting. I send love and a virtual hug to those who join me in sharing her loss. Linda Marcotte Tatar aka Lini

Linda Marcotte Tatar - January 16 at 04:59 PM