



Barbara M. Armstrong

June 6, 1936 - January 9, 2014

Barbara M. Armstrong passed away peacefully on January 9, 2014 with her loving family by her side. She fought a long seven year battle with cancer with courage and a vigorous determination to live. Barbara was born on June 6, 1936, daughter of the late Homer C. Maxwell and Agnes (Betty) E. Maxwell. She grew up in Wilmette, IL attending Stolp Elementary School and graduated in 1954 from New Trier High School in Winnetka, IL. She then went on to attend Lake Forest College. She wed William T. (Bill) Armstrong, Jr., a former New Trier classmate, on September 14, 1957. They were married 51 years before Bill passed away in 2008. Barbara and Bill spent their summers at their home in Bridgman, Michigan. They belonged to the St. Joseph River Yacht Club. Their winters were spent in Florida on their sailboat, "Distant Star". Barbara loved reading and always belonged to a local book club. She also was a wonderful cook, enjoyed travelling and donated her time as a volunteer to several organizations. In addition to her beloved husband and best friend, Barbara was preceded in death by her eldest son William T. (Billy) Armstrong, III, in 1972. She is survived by her children Thomas R. Armstrong of New Bold-on-Stour, England, Elizabeth C. Armstrong-McPhee (Gregg McPhee) of Alpharetta, GA, Kathleen N. Armstrong-Smith (Paul Smith) of Hinsdale, IL and Timothy B. Armstrong of Winter Springs, FL; grandchildren, Jack Armstrong of England, Sarah McPhee-Guggia of Salt Lake City, UT, Matthew McPhee of Acworth, GA, Tyler McPhee of Salt Lake City, UT, Chelsea McPhee-Squire of Alpharetta, GA and William Armstrong-Smith of Hinsdale, IL; great

grandchildren, Brendan and Colton McPhee. She is also survived by brother William Maxwell and sister Cherry Maxwell. A visitation will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 14, at BURNETT-DANE FUNERAL HOME, 120 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, (Route 176, one block West of Milwaukee Ave.) and from 10-11 a.m. prior to funeral service. Funeral to be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 47 Church St., Lake Zurich, IL. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Barrington, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Berrien County Cancer Service (www.bccancerservices.org) would be appreciated. For info: 847-362-3009 or sign the guestbook at burnettdane.com. The children wish to thank their mother for all her love and care she gave to the family but above all for her strength. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be dearly missed.

Tribute Wall



“ So glad I had that time with Barb (and Bitsy) last year in Florida.
Love to all - Marcia

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“ Barbara was a very special lady. I am very fortunate to have known her.

Jerome W. Pinderski, jr. - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM



“ Barb was a active and faithful member of Lory's Place Crew Auxiliary, in St. Joseph, Michigan. Her smiling face will be missed.
Crew President

Kathy Whitehead - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM



“ I already miss our phone calls back and forth, running over to visit with her and volunteering at Lory's Place with her. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor.

Jane Bailie - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM



“ Barbara was a volunteer and donor to Lory's Place, of which I am the Director. It was always a joy to see and talk with Barbara. She had a gentleness about her and a sincere love for all people. We are grateful to have known her and will miss her. Thank you for sharing your mom, grandma and greatgrandma with us.

Lisa Bartoszek - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

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“ Will never forget all of the family fun and get-togethers. Was a privilege to have your family in our lives. Barb was very special to all of us each in a different way..Our love and sympathy to all of you.
God bless

. Dotty, Steve and Jen and family

Dotty Ford - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM