



Barbara Ann Schaefer

January 23, 1931 - September 25, 2018

Barbara Schaefer passed away peacefully on September 25, 2018 in Ann Arbor, Michigan surrounded by family and loved ones. Barbara was born on January 23, 1931 in Bronx, New York, to Moe and Lillian Kalisch. In 1945 her family relocated to Miami Beach, FL where she met Leonard Schaefer, her husband of 63 years. Barbara and Leonard raised their family of five children in North Miami Beach, FL. After the birth of her last child at the age of 39, she decided to pursue her true passion in the medical field by going back to school for nursing. She received a BSN from Barry University and a MSN from the University of Miami. Barbara began her nursing career at Cedars Medical Center in Miami, FL quickly rising to head nurse of the OB/GYN and Oncology floors. Barbara's dedication and passion to patient care became evident in her work and resulted in her placement in several management roles. Barbara rose to the position of Administrator of Nursing for Golden Glades Hospital where she continued her commitment to patient care.

Upon retiring Barbara and Leonard moved to Black Mountain, NC where she began a new stage in her life involving relaxation and new friends. Being the energetic, giving individual she was known for, she quickly became bored with a life of relaxation. Barbara again went back to what she knew best, which was nursing. She began teaching at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College instilling her values and passion for patient care to her young aspiring nursing students. Barbara remained teaching until the young age of 85. She continued her charitable work by joining the Kiwanis

organization working in their store two days a week. Barbara loved socializing and enjoyed cooking and baking for her neighbors and friends. She always expressed how blessed she was for the family she had and all the wonderful friends in her life.

Barbara is survived by her four children, Stephanie, Keith (Noemi), Merek (Shawn), Mathew (Debbie) and seven grandchildren, “who she couldn’t brag enough about,” Brittany, Allison, Brendan, Aaron, Ryan, Robert and Jonah. To sign Barbara’s guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann Schaefer*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Barbara was a wonderful woman. She will be missed dearly here at Givens Highland Farms.*



Crissy Sowers, LPN - December 12, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ *Janet Phillips, LPN lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Schaefer*



Janet Phillips, LPN - December 12, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ *What a loss of such a wonderful human being. I have so many memories from my childhood of Barbara. She had the patience to help me learn to drive, what a saint, she was a big part of lots of growing challenges I had. I loved her like family and am so sad that she is no longer with us. She is at peace now with her loved ones who have passed but there will be a void in the lives of those left who knew her. My thoughts are with her family. With love Susan/Dodi Katz*

susan Katz - September 30, 2018 at 02:21 PM

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“ Barbara was a wonderful woman. I was so happy she was my daughters "other mother". Barbara loved when we could be in the same place at the same time, as we loved to sight see. When I knew she has passed on, I just pictured her being young again, seeing Lenny young again, and running into the arms of her sweet Allison. I am happy for her, and know she is in heaven. She will be missed greatly. Karen Tuttle

Karen Tuttle - September 29, 2018 at 02:40 PM

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“ Mom, I can't even know where to begin. I am so lucky and blessed that you were my Mother in Law. I know we joked saying that I could never give Merek back but in all honestly, I would never give you up in my life. You have loved and accepted me from the day I met you. Loved me like your own daughter. We shared so many wonderful memories but my favorite has to be jumping in the car and running to Waldorf, just for french fries at Frank N Stein. I am so glad my children had such a wonderful Nana who guided, mentored, cared for and just plain loved more than life. I am sorry you were taken from us but am glad to know you are finally reunited with Allison and Lenny. Forever your daughter in law, Shawn

Shawn Schaefer - September 28, 2018 at 03:02 PM

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“ Our prayers are with you Steph!! We will always love you!
Cindy&Dennis

Cindy Aguirre - September 27, 2018 at 06:13 PM