



Barbara S. Gingerich

June 14, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara S. Gingerich who left us on June 14, 2023. Barb, as she preferred to be called, lived her life with love, compassion and selflessness. All who knew her felt the impact of her huge heart and seemingly never ending kindness. She was a devoted wife, caring mother, doting grandmother and cherished sister. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth, compassion and strength that will endure. Her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew her.

The void left by Barb's passing will be immeasurable. However, as we mourn her loss, we must also celebrate the life she led. Her spirit will continue to guide us and her memory will live in our hearts forever.

Barb was born October 1, 1945 in Newburg, WV to Claude A. and Rosemary Machamer. While in grade school, the family moved to Keyser, WV, where she graduated from Keyser High School in 1963. She met her husband of 55 years, Michael, on a blind date in 1965, and they married on May 4, 1968. Later that same year, they moved from Keyser to Fairfax, VA. Soon after the birth of their son, Stephen Michael, in 1971, they settled in Dale City, VA. Five years later, in 1976, daughter Sarah Carleen was welcomed. In 1987 the family moved to Montclair, VA.

While raising two children, Barb established and ran a home cleaning

business. She was a proud small business owner who cared for her clients as much as she cared for her family. To her, there was no difference. That same love and dedication was reciprocated, as most of her clients remained with her for 30+ years and remained close friends after she retired.

She was preceded in passing by her parents, Claude and Rosemary, and her sister, Carol M. Bosley. She is survived by her husband, Michael E. Gingerich, Montclair, VA; son Stephen M. Gingerich, daughter-in-law Susan L. Gingerich, Fairfax, VA; daughter Sarah C. Hamilton, son-in-law Erik Hamilton and granddaughters Kristin and Paige, Woodbridge, VA; brother-in-law, Scott Bosley, Kalamazoo, MI, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Her interment service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 29 at Dumfries Cemetery, 17821 Mine Rd, Dumfries, VA 22026. There will be a reception following the service at Hampton Inn Dumfries, 16959 Old Stage Rd, Dumfries, VA 22025.

Previous Events

Interment

JUL **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Dumfries Cemetery
17821 Mine Road
Dumfries, VA 22026

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Joan Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara S. Gingerich*



Joan Brown - July 27, 2023 at 06:52 AM

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“ *As new immigrants and in early 1990 when we moved to Manassas from Charlottesville, our good fortune was to get into the Northern VA Hiking Club and coming to know good people like Mike and Barb. I still remember spending that first fourth of July in their neighborhood and how excited I was to get invited to spend that occasion with them. Barb was a kind and gentle soul. She was good to me. She had a quiet wit that was only hers. Last year sometime, we had lunch at Bindas and were taking a walk around GW campus. At one intersection, I crossed the street assuming others would follow but they didn't. So I came back and pat she said "how was the other side?" It still makes me laugh. That was Barb and I will miss her dearly.*

Padma Mundur - July 12, 2023 at 09:10 AM

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“ *Susan Gingerich lit a candle in memory of Barbara S. Gingerich*



Susan Gingerich - July 10, 2023 at 09:24 PM