



Barbara Ellen Holman

September 29, 1943 - February 19, 2021

Barbara Ellen Holman, age 77, of Cape Girardeau died Friday, February 19, 2021 at Ratliff Care Center.

She was born September 29, 1943 in Waterbury, Connecticut to Robert A. and Martha (Johnson) Thulin.

She and Thomas Robbin Holman were married December 2, 1967 in Thomaston, Connecticut.

She was a loving mother to Dr. Tom (Kim) Holman of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Jason Holman of Wilmore, Kentucky; and Brian (Hanna) Holman of Winter Springs, Florida; grandmother to Riley Pierce of Oveido, Florida; 2d Lt Emily Holman of Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; Matthew Holman of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Erica (Joey) Pesina of Ormond Beach, Florida; great-grandmother to Melony, Sophia and Ares Pesina of Ormond Beach, Florida.

She is also survived by her sister, Elsa (Stanley) Hurlbert of Thomaston, Connecticut; Martin (Vicki) Thulin of Wallingford, Connecticut; and Aunt Barbara to many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Barbara was known for her beautiful soprano voice and over the years she sang in many church choirs, weddings, and events. Music was one of her many talents she enjoyed sharing with others. She completed her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida and worked with children most of her adult life. She helped many children with special needs learn to read and had a knack for being able to communicate well with her young students.

She loved the water and was a lifeguard in her younger years and also taught water safety

courses when her husband was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. If she could choose to be anywhere, she would choose to be swimming in the ocean, natural springs, or Bantam Lake in Connecticut.

Bird watching, cooking big meals for her family, and watching old movies and musicals were activities she enjoyed. Never one to mince words, she was lovingly known as “blunt Barbara” by her close family, followed by a hearty chuckle.

The real love of her life was Jesus Christ. Her family credits her prayers as the reason they all know and love Jesus. She “prayed them into the Kingdom”. Her devotion and deeply held faith buoyed her through many of life’s challenges and she was always one that people could count on for prayer. She will be dearly missed.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at La Croix Church, Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 10:00am.

Memorial contributions can be made to Ratliff Care Center memo: “Barbara Holman memorial” to fund extra activities for the residents. With the exemplary, loving care she received at Ratliff, they became “family”.

Comments



“ May the wonderful memories of you remain in our hearts for ever. This will comfort all of us now and always.

Vicki Thulin - March 16 at 09:33 PM



“ Dr. Holman,
This is Doug Atwood. Your mother Barbara and I were classmates at Thomaston High School, class of 62. We were also neighbors diagonally across Walnut Hill Road. I was saddened to read of Barbara's passing and quite surprised that she had been living here in Cape. If I had known, I would have stopped in to visit her, My wife and I send our condolences to you and your family.

Douglas Atwood - March 03 at 01:45 PM



“ What a coincidence that you are here in Cape. Call me sometime and we can connect 573-200-0999

Tom Holman - March 03 at 09:13 PM



“ Sister Elsa & Stanley & Brother Martin & Vicki purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ellen Holman.



Sister Elsa & Stanley & Brother Martin & Vicki - February 26 at 10:09 AM



“ Barbara sang with Choral Union thanks to her husband and daughter in law making sure she was at practices. Even though she had the music, I always thought she really did not need the music. Thankful Barbara knew Jesus. I didn't know and sad to say, I did not ask!! Thankful you are in perfect health in the presence of Jesus.

Carolyn Britt - February 24 at 05:15 PM



“ Thank you for this memory, Carolyn! When she moved up here from Florida, that time singing the Messiah became a memory we share with her and now a memory we share about her. I remember your kindness in helping her with her music. You were such a blessing during those rehearsals!

Kim Holman - February 25 at 12:00 PM