



Barbara Ann Peterson

February 28, 1936 - August 28, 2020

CAPE ELIZABETH - Barbara Ann (Campbell) Peterson will be fondly remembered as a vibrant, quick witted, loving mother. She adored her family and friends. She will be dearly missed. Barbara left us all on August 28, 2020 at age 84.

Barbara was born February 28, 1936 in Portland, Maine, daughter of Hester (Fifield) and Lester Campbell.

Barbara grew up in her cherished town of South Portland and graduated from S. Portland High School.

She married Roland(Pete)Peterson and raised three children: Steven, Diana and Laurie in Yarmouth and, later in life, moved to Betsy Ross House and enjoyed her time there.

Her charismatic and larger-than-life personality led her to a passion for the theatre, where she performed for years at the Portland Players in South Portland.

Later on, she channeled that same animated spirit into working with disabled young adults at Anthem Blue Cross. Barbara could always be found boldly laughing and storytelling- an easy way to locate her in a crowded room. Her home had an open door policy for family, constantly flowing with celebrations and happy hours, birthdays (with lots of cake and singing), music and deep belly laughs.

Outside of her home, Barbara's special place was undoubtedly under the sun at the beach or on the ocean. You could always find her laying in the sunshine with a crossword in hand.

She had an incredible ability to see the other side of things, to never take life too seriously, and take it one day at a time. She treasured her lifelong friendships and spontaneous adventures.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Margery Murphy, and brother, Johnny Campbell. She is survived by her children Steven, Diana, and Laurie, and her sister Jean Cash, her adoring grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A private celebration will be held by the family near the ocean, where Barbara was always at peace.

Donations in Barbara's memory can be made to: PSL Services / STRIVE @ pslstrive.org
OR ThePortlandPlayers.org

Comments



“ I hate to think of a world without Barbara. When I had the chance to hang out with Barbara, Helen, my mother-in-law Marietta, and the rest of their gang I always came away wanting to be just like them. They knew how to seize life and find joy in every occasion. I remember telling Barbara I envied her Yarmouth flower garden, She said, “you don’t need flowers, you have children! You can do flowers later.”

Andrea De Leon - September 16 at 05:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Peterson.



September 08 at 03:52 PM



“ Kristen L Tully lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Peterson



kristen I tully - September 06 at 11:17 AM



“ Hi I new Barbara from Blue cross blue shield Anthem. She helped me at Anthem in the Mail room So sorry she passed away. I will miss her a lot.
From,
Kristen Tully

kristen I tully - September 06 at 11:17 AM



“ Diana, Laurie, and Steve I have so many great memories of your mom and good times on Rand Road with your family. Blessings and hugs to you all as you get through this difficult time. Sue Lavoie Wooten

Sue Wooten - September 08 at 08:22 PM



“ Steven, Diana and Laurie,
I feel so sad to learn today of your Mother's passing.
There is so much I can say or write about her. Barbara was a huge part of my
childhood into adulthood. I just adored her. She was full of life, laughter, and
beauty. Whenever I needed to talk, she was ready to listen. And yes she loved her
friends. My mother Marietta as you know was one of them. Your mother loved you all
so much. Her laugh brought a room into color. She was a beautiful person. I'm so
grateful to have spent many fun times with her. Lots of wonderful memories. Love and
Prayers to you all, Alice Burrowes

Alice Burrowes - September 04 at 10:14 PM



“ I will never forget the best advice from Auntie Barbara, “if you love it, buy it, because you
deserve it”. She was one of a kind and will be missed by everyone who loved her.

Michele Murphy - September 05 at 08:57 AM



“ To Barbara's loved ones.....I met her when she was at Anthem working with the disabled.
She was such a hot ticket.... one of those people you never forget and I never have. Sad I
never got to see her again after the Anthem years, but I thought of her often and never
forget the tips of life I came to know thru her. She was one of a kind and I'm sorry to hear of
her passing...RIP Barbara

Leisa - September 05 at 09:45 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. When you are reading the paper and say out loud "OMG Barbara
No". She was one of kind and I enjoyed working, laughing, and spending time socially with
your Mom while working at BCBS. My favorite I have to say was ordering drinks once and
she said "oh heck lets blast off with a martini". Your Mom was special. Nancy

Nancy A Lehto - September 05 at 02:08 PM



“ Laurie, Diana, & Steve
So sorry to hear of your Moms passing. She was such a sweet lady. I always loved her
stories and her laugh. She also always came to visit my mom after my dad died. My mom
so enjoyed those visits. Happy hours at Dorames & Lucy's my mom always said was so
much fun with all the girls. It's so hard losing a parent but she lived a great life. Josh was so
happy to help her with her lawn & gardens. thinking of you all and sending lots of love Ernie
& Brenda Colello

Brenda Colello - September 05 at 02:10 PM



“ Sending love and sympathy. Rand Rd. and fun parents. She was so beautiful.

Susan Hughes - September 05 at 08:49 PM



“ Hard to believe that Mrs. Peterson Is gone. She made every day Better for everybody at
Blue Cross. Barbara was funny, wise, honest and glamorous. A movie star in the mailroom.
A happy woman who loved her family. Our love and sympathy.

Bonnie and Dave Spilsbury

David Spilsbury - September 05 at 10:09 PM



“ Dear Steven, Diana, and Laurie,

Saddened to read of your Mom's death. She was a friend of 59 years, a wonderful Mom, Grand and Great Grand Mom and a most unique person. Her infectious laugh and zest for life was admired by all. She loved a good banter, always had an opinion and was not afraid to speak her mind She taught me to "always carry your pocketbook with comb/lipstick as you never know who you might meet". She was ahead of her time following her dreams and loved you all dearly. Know that our family has grand memories that we treasure.

Love,

Theresa, Christopher and Allyson

Theresa C. Jordan - September 06 at 10:34 AM



“ Dear Steven, Diana & Laurie,

We are sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We have many fond memories of the P's, J's and C's get togethers at the lake.

There was always lots of laughter with your mom hitting the highest note!

Our Condolences Mark&Susan Corthell

Mark Corthell - September 06 at 03:11 PM