



Mrs. Barbara A. Meczywor

May 24, 1937 - November 12, 2016

Mrs. Barbara Ann (McAndrews) Meczywor, 79, of Adams, died on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. Barbara was an extraordinary woman. There are many in the Adams community who will deeply mourn her passing as her life was one of service, love and compassion.

She was born in Adams on May 24, 1937, the daughter of the late Michael and Veronica (Gebarowski) McAndrews. She attended school in Adams and graduated from the former Adams High School with the class of 1954.

Mrs. Meczywor worked for many years for the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, first in the Adams office, then in North Adams until her retirement.

She was a communicant of the Parish of St. John Paul II in Adams and volunteered at its Charity Center since its inception.

Barbara was passionate about the Town of Adams. In 1982 she was the first woman elected to the Board of Selectman, where she proudly served until 1991, and then again from 1992 to 1998, both as a member and as the chairwoman. She was a former member of the Adams Town Democratic Committee, the Town Finance Committee, the Parks Commission, the Council on Aging Board, and was a longtime town meeting member. The 1990 Annual Town Report was dedicated to Barbara for her many years of public service. She enjoyed visits to The Red Carpet Restaurant for political conversations and to support the many local youth and high school programs and teams for which she deeply believed in. Barbara was a member of the Adams High School Class of 1954 Reunion Committee, the Adams Council on Aging, and volunteered with the "Matter of Balance" program. She recently joined the Red Hat Society and was looking forward to their activities. Beyond supporting the Town of Adams, Barbara was very active in the recovery community.

While Barbara enjoyed bus trips to the casinos and spending time with friends, it was her family that she was most proud of. Her quiet pride surfaced when discussing the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren. Barbara rarely missed an event, regardless of the time or location, and one could often see her beaming with pride in the audience or hear her cheering loudly and proudly in the stands. She made wonderful friends at all of the games, and she will be remembered for her camaraderie and laughter. She is survived by two daughters, Paula Kordana and her husband, Larry, of Windsor;

Linda Rodovick and her husband, Joe, of Stamford, VT; and one son, Michael Meczywor and his wife, Molly, of Adams. She also leaves six grandchildren: Matthew and Mark Rodovick, Jake Kordana, and Casey, Carson and Emma Meczywor. She leaves one great granddaughter, Farrah Rose Rodovick.

She leaves her sister, Deidre Sanderson, and her husband, Dale, of Hudson, MA; and many nieces and nephews, including Diane Ryczek, with whom she shared a special bond.

She was predeceased by her former husband, Leopold "Paul" Meczywor, her two brothers, Michael and Owen McAndrews, and her three sisters, Joan Ryczek, Jean Pitroff and Josephine McAndrews.

Barbara's family would like to thank Dr. Alsmaan and the nurses at the Berkshire Medical Center Critical Care and Step Down Unit for their excellent care and compassion.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, November 17, at 9:00 A.M. from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 A.M. in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, McKinley Square, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Robert Miskell.

Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Josh Bressette Commit to Save a Life Inc., 2345 Skiparre Rd., North Pownal, VT 05260.

Comments



“ Barb was a great lady and will be missed. R.I.P. Barb

Andy and Debbie (Parrott) Gigliotti - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Sorry Paula and Linda to learn of the passing of your mom. She was a gracious woman. Always a friendly greeting. Our thoughts are with you. Tom and Pat Markland

June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE WHOLE FAMILY. BARB AND I GO WAY BACK AND I HAVE WONDERFUL, FUNNY MEMORIES OF HER AND I, AND HER SISTER JERRY. MARY FRAN PRTRPULOS

MARY FRAN PETROPULOS - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Paula..my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. It's been many years but I remember your mom and her beautiful smile. My sincere condolences.

Lori lord - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Rest in peace classmate and friend.

Ray Gruszecki - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ My heart goes out to you and your famly, on the loss of your mom. She will be sadly missed. RIP Barb Nancy Kordana

Nancy Kordana - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Linda and family, I am very sorry for your loss. I only wish I had known your mother better. She was dedicated and devoted to so many things and especially her family. Our sincere condolences.

Patty Erdeski - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Am so sorry for your loss. Barb was a beautiful friend & neighbor for many years. She will be missed. Healing prayers for the family.

Pam Giroux - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Great grammar and high school memories. A vibrant woman who was a good friend to all and made a difference to many.

Ken Soha - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Linda, Mike - and families, So very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Barb was our "super fan" and grandma to the whole team back in the days of travel basketball. A truly wonderful lady. May you find peace through this difficult time in all of the memories you have shared.

Karen Gotzens Ryan - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ One of the most amazing women I have ever had the chance to know and spend time with. She will be deeply missed. My condolences to all family and friends.

Denise Fortier - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ My Deepest Condolences to her Family. She was class mate.

Donald Kruszyna - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Sorry for your loss...knew Barbara well and the McAndrews family were our Neighbors at one time. Barbara will be missed. Condolences to every one.W

Beverly de Samsonow - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Mike, Linda, and Paula, I am going to really miss your Mom. I am so sorry for your loss.

Barb Favreau - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Paula - so very sorry to read of your mother's passing. Cherish the memories. Jean Williams Turner, Inverness, Fl (Crane&Co.)

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“ Barbara & I and Frank Wojcik enjoyed being the Adams High Class of 1954 reunion planners. Every year we held a reunion and had several luncheons. We enjoyed getting together. I was sorry I couldn't attend services, but I was right close by in the same hospital. She will be missed.

Jack Spencer - June 07, 2018 at 11:18 AM