



Barbara Colacci

May 18, 2011

Barbara L. Colacci, age 71, of Powell, passed away peacefully at Kobacker House on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 surrounded by her family after a courageous 11-year battle with ovarian cancer. Barbara was born in Providence, Rhode Island on August 21, 1939 to the late Albert and Yola Quaranto. Barbara graduated from Whidden Memorial Hospital, School of Nursing in Everett, MA. She retired from MidWest Allergy after 25 years of dedicated service as a registered nurse. Barbara will be missed dearly by her loving husband of 48 years and best friend, Larry Colacci. She is survived by her daughter Debra (James) Willet; her two adoring granddaughters, Alexandria and Kendall Willet; her sister, Geraldine Lanni; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and many close friends. Barbara was preceded in death by her daughter, Dana Colacci. Barbara had a strong and courageous spirit and faced her cancer with a positive and inspirational attitude. Her will to live came from the desire to watch her granddaughters mature into incredible young ladies. The family will receive friends from 4:00-8:00pm. FRIDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00am. SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011 at ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH, 10700 Liberty Rd., Powell, OH 43065 with The Reverend Raymond Larussa, Celebrant. Burial will be held privately by the family at Resurrection Cemetery. If they choose, friends are asked to

consider making contributions in Barbara's memory to: Kobacker House/HomeReach Hospice, 3595 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43214-3440, whom the family offers heart-filled thanks for their loving care. Send condolences for the family to: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Colacci*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I first met Barb while I was undergoing my first round of chemotherapy. We became friends during our treatments. I was scared about my journey with ovarian cancer, but Barb was a true friend to me. She was such a courageous woman and a true inspiration to me. When I would feel alone and scared I would remember Barb and her long fight and know that if she could do it, I could too. I am blessed to have known her and have her touch my life.*

Michelle Benning - June 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Larry and family, My two kids, David and Laura knew Barb from Midwest Allergy for many years. I knew Barb because my kids shared with me that she was an ovarian cancer survivor when I was first diagnosed over 5 years ago. David called her "Babs". I remember calling your home for the first time and asking for "Babs" and you seemed confused. Apparently, only David called her that and I didn't know that!!! Barb gave me hope and laughter everytime we talked!!! We were all so saddened when we heard she died. She touched so many esp my family! She will always be in our hearts and memories. God bless you. Marti and Larry Hughes*

Marti & Larry Hughes - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Larry, Debi and Jamie, Ali and Kendall, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May you share the same strength, faith and courage that she had. With love from all of us.

Christie and Paul Amorosino, Kerri and Brooks Stewart, Jerry and Diane Scala and children - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Larry, Debbie, Jamie, Ali and Kendall, We're thinking of you and extending our love and sincere sympathy to all on the loss of Dear Barbara. She was not only a wonderful cousin and friend to us, but a woman to be admired for her courage, faith and strength. We share your sorrow and pray you will find comfort in your beautiful memories. Our thoughts and are with you. Love, Jim and Lucia

Jim and Lucia Monti - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Larry, Debi, Jamie, Ali and Kendall, We are so sorry for your great loss. Barbara was very special to me, and I will miss our chats. She was always there with understanding and encouraging words. May God, in His mercy, ease your hearts and grant you strength and many blessings. We Love You -- Angelyn and Andy

Angelyn and Andy Scala - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Larry- we are so very sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. It is just such a difficult time, but we pray for you and your family to find a measure of comfort in your faith and in happy memories. As ever, Roger & Judy

Roger/Judy Shipe - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Be at Peace Barbara. You mean so much to so many people. You have made a comforting mark on the world and the many people who have grown to know and love you. Now it is your turn to be a peace. God Bless You.*

Cathie Bunk - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Dear Larry, Debi, and family- You don't know me, but Barb was my son Milo's favorite nurse for allergy shots. She was so patient with him, and funny, and taught him how to deal with the shots. Just last week he had a friend very worried about his first allergy shots (at Midwest, coincidentally) and Milo was giving him all the pointers that Barb had given him... and that was over 3 years ago! I always loved hearing about her hubby and daughter, and most of all about Ali and Kendall. She even said to me what was written in her obituary... that she was sticking around to watch them grow. Her positive attitude ("I might as well work. It's better than sitting around feeling sorry for myself!") was an inspiration. You are all in my thoughts, and I hope you will find comfort in your sweet memories. Barb was a gem. Martha Pitchford*

Martha Pitchford - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Larry, Debi and Family, We are all so saddened to hear about Barbara. Her spirit will live within you each and every day. We are so sorry we cannot be there during this difficult time in need. May you find the strength and courage that Barb did everyday with the days to come. Much love your way. Joe, Judi and Tiffany*

Joe and Judi Brennan/TiffanyHance - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am sorry for your loss. I have gotten to know Barb over the past 7 years and will miss her greatly. She was a wonderful lady! Cathy Sanzo LCMI

Cathy Sanzo - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Larry, Debbie and Jamie, Ali and Kendall We would all like to extend our deepest sympathy for the loss of your Dear Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love from all of us.

Jim and Jennifer Monti, Kim and Michael Ewanouski, Tami and Stephen Murray and Families - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Larry, Debbie and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. And with the love of our heavenly Father, who blessed Barbara with enormous strength and love, comfort you in all your days. Barbara's love for life is an inspiration to us all. Sincere condolences and blessings, Hilda, Keith and family Providence, RI

hilda correia - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Larry, Debi, Jamie, Ali & Kendall, We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Every time we saw Barbara at the pool, the grocery or at Church she always greeted you with this huge smile on her face that made you feel like she was so happy to see you! She was such a special person and she will be so missed. Please know that you all are in our thoughts & prayers. The Braun Family

Joan, Bob, Maggie & Bailee Braun - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ We are so deeply saddened at the loss of Barbara. She so gallantly fought her battle. Barb will forever be remembered for her faith, her smile, her courage, her thoughtfulness and her warm embrace. She'll always be with us in spirit and in our prayers for a joyful reunion with her Lord. Our sincere sympathy to Larry, Debbie and her family. Bud & Carol

Carolyn & Bud Myers - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss. She was a funny and warm person who always seemed to have a smile. Love, Joe and Liz Brennan

Elizabeth (Scott) Brennan - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Larry and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Barbara's passing. Your wonderful memories of your 48 years will give you the strength and courage to face your future days. Gods Blessing, Sincerly, Joyce

Joyce (Mc Bride) Sousa - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Larry and family, I am so sorry to hear about Barbara's passing. Her courage and strength is something for you to use as an example for the days ahead. You will be in my prayers. Sincerly, Paul

paul colicci - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Debi, Larry, Jamie and Ali and Kendall--we are so sorry about Barbara's passing, but hope that her courage and love for you all will bring comfort and peace at this sad time. She was always so kind and encouraging to us, and her spirit will always live on. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Vivian and Mara

Vivian and Mara - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I only remember your mom as being so full of life and being a ray of sunshine. My blessings are with all of your family.

Jenni DeBord - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Debi and Family - We are so sorry for your loss. Even though I did not know her personally, I remember from our conversations that your mother was a source of strength and inspiration for you and your family. With deepest sympathy, Shari

Shari Heyen - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Mr. Colacci, Debi, Jamie, Ali & Kendall: We all send our deepest sympathies on your loss. Barbara was such a wonderful, courageous and kind woman. We were so happy to have her at our home a few years back. May God Bless all of you at this most difficult time. Love, The Spinella's (Providence, Rhode Island)

Julie Spinella - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM