



Martha Sue Barna

September 12, 1929 - May 29, 2025

In Loving Memory of Martha “Sue” Barna The beloved matriarch of our family, Martha “Sue” Barna, a devoted wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and cherished friend, passed away peacefully at Brookdale Muirfield on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at the age of 95 a day before her 72nd wedding anniversary. Sue dedicated her life to creating and nurturing a loving family alongside her late husband of 59 years, Michael Barna Jr. Together, they were blessed with three wonderful sons and their families, who remained their greatest joy—John Barna (Laura), Mike Barna (Jan), and Jeff Barna (Stacy). Her legacy continues through her nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who were the light of her life. Sue also leaves behind her sister, Pat Hume, her brother, Fred Stokes, and many treasured nieces and nephews. A woman of faith and unwavering kindness, Sue and Mike were longtime members of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington, KY, and St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Upper Arlington. To know Sue was to love her—her radiant personality, quick wit, and boundless generosity touched the lives of many. Her neighbors, dear friends, and all those fortunate enough to have been part of her journey knew they held a special place in her heart. Sue’s ashes will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Upper Arlington. The family will hold a celebration of life at St. Mark’s, with details to be shared once finalized. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sue’s memory may be made to Capital City Hospice Columbus or St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2151 Dorset Road
Upper Arlington, OH 43221

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Sue was such a good friend of my mom and dad's, and the last time I saw her was in 2023 when she visited Lexington and came to a get-together at our house. What a wonderful friend to many and such a beloved member of Good Shepherd. Sending hugs and prayers to the Barna family.

Love from Jim Johnson, Mark and Cindy (Johnson) Barth

Cindy Barth - June 19, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JB

Cindy, thanks so much, Mom talked about your mother often, she had a lot a great memories of your family from The Good Shepherd days. Hope all is well.

Jeff Barna - June 28, 2025 at 04:52 PM

WH

“ Dear John, Mike and Jeff,
I was saddened to learn of your mother's passing. I remember Mrs. Barna as always being kind and patient, especially when having to endure her son's wild bunch of friends hanging around your house on Williamsburg Dr. in Lexington. Best To You All and Love,
Wade Hembree

Wade Hembree - June 11, 2025 at 11:56 AM

JB

Thanks Wade, she was special, I remember the good ole days on Williamsburg Rd. Hope all is well.

Jeff Barna - June 17, 2025 at 04:55 PM

AT

“ Sue and my mother, Janice McGuire Tipton, grew up together in Portsmouth, Ohio and were life long friends. Here are a couple of photos taken from the 1947 PHS yearbook: Sue's senior picture and the Senior Basketball squad. Sue, my mother and high school friends, met annually for many years, the Golden Girls. Sue was a loyal friend. She was ALWAYS fashionable and sparkly with her beautiful jewelry. I hope these photos bring smiles at this sad time. - Anne Tipton



Anne Tipton - June 06, 2025 at 05:03 PM

JB

Anne, So nice, thanks for sharing the pictures

Jeff Barna - June 07, 2025 at 07:09 AM

LC

“ Sue Barna will forever be one of my favorite people in the world. I knew her as a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington Ky. Her sense of humor and generosity were unmatched! The stories are endless about the “dirty old women” of Good Shepherd- they ran the church with devotion and humor. She and Mike were the best! My love, prayers and heartfelt sympathy to their boys. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Lucy Cramer Cox

Lucy Cox - June 05, 2025 at 10:01 PM

JB

Lucy, Good Shepherd and “dirty old women” were always special place in Mom’s heart. Thanks for posting.

Jeff Barna - June 07, 2025 at 07:12 AM

SD

“ I’m so sad to lose Sue in this world. She was my friend and next door neighbor for 10 years. I used to tell Sue that having her in my life was like having my Grandma back. I love Sue dearly and know her love, wisdom, and influence in my life will live on through my heart and good I manage to put out in the world. A friend recently told me that we die twice - the first time is our physical death and the second time is when the last person touched by us on earth dies. What a beautiful healing that has because Sue will live on infinitely in that case because she touched so many lives with her love and grace who will pass that on for generations to come. I never knew Mike, but the stories Sue told me compiled a love story for the ages. Recently, I’ve had the privilege of getting to know her sons and daughter-in-laws (who were truly daughters to Sue) more. They all are clear evidence of how such a wonderful love story unfolds over time. Sue and Mike’s influence in their lives shines through all of them and their relationships. I’ve been in awe of their dedication and love for Sue through recent difficult times. Sue was truly cherished by all that had the honor of being a part of her journey! Now it wouldn’t be complete to skip Sue’s sense of humor in remembering her. She would get a twinkle in her eye and soon after out would come a playful, mischievous quip. As the years pass and I look back on our friendship, those will be the memories I enjoy the most.

Sighle Denier - June 04, 2025 at 06:53 PM

JB

Sighle, what a wonderful tribute, as you know you were very special to Mom, thanks for being such a great next door neighbor, care giver and friend. Thanks, also for leading her three Angels!

Jeff Barna - June 05, 2025 at 07:03 AM

RI

Sue was such an amazing friend and neighbor to my parents. We enjoyed seeing her when we were visiting. She will be missed and was so special. Sending healing hugs

Riemers - June 05, 2025 at 09:44 PM

AT

“*To all of Sue’s family - what a fantastic person! Loved spending time with her and hearing all of her stories - what an amazing life. I always smile about our “deal” if there was a tornado - we would bring the wine and sit in her closet and ride it out 🤗. I am so grateful for having known her. She was one of a kind! Blessings to you all!*”

Amy Thornton - June 04, 2025 at 06:46 PM

JB

Amy, thanks for the nice tribute and all you did to support Mom as a great neighbor.

Jeff Barna - June 05, 2025 at 07:06 AM

KL

“*I was a neighbor of Sue’s. She always went on out of her way to talk with me, and several times when I was sick she brought me delicious food. Such an intelligent and witty lady! I enjoyed every minute with this wonderful lady. Much sympathy for her family.*”

Kathy Ludowese

Kathy Ludowese - June 04, 2025 at 05:42 PM

JB

Kathy she loved her neighbors and you all were so good to her, we appreciate all you did for her.

Jeff Barna - June 04, 2025 at 05:46 PM

PS

“ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the Death of his saints we the Pastor officers and members of the First Baptist Church White Springs extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to this precious family in the loss of your mother. I have fond memories of Sister Barana at the Greenbrier family take solace in knowing that we care humbly submitted, Pastor Greg E Scott

pastor Greg E Scott - June 04, 2025 at 02:10 PM

JB

Father Scott, that means so much to Stacy and me. Your such a good man.

Jeff Barna - June 04, 2025 at 05:33 PM

SP

“ My family and I are saddened by the passing of my wonderful Aunt Sue. We will always cherish the memories of the Barna-Hume gatherings, celebrations and vacations. The fun we have all had! We are blessed to have had our mothers in our lives for so long. I know Aunt Sue, Uncle Mike and Dad are having a glass of wine in Heaven right now. Sending love and thoughts to my cousins and their families.

Susan, Mike, Joe and Sarah Pilon

Susan Pilon - June 04, 2025 at 01:30 PM

JB

Thanks so much very well said. Was such a gift for Mom to see David, Susan and her siblings in her final hours

Jeff Barna - June 04, 2025 at 05:36 PM

TR

“ Dear Jeff, Stacy and the entire Barna & extended Family, So very sorry for your loss. Sue was a great lady who put you all first in everything. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. She will be dearly missed by so many !



Todd & Lee Ann Rose - June 04, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JB

Thanks Todd and Lee Ann, means a lot.

Jeff Barna - June 04, 2025 at 05:38 PM