



Barbara Ann Carman

October 9, 1930 - June 9, 2019

Barbara Ann Carman (née Kelley) was born October 9, 1930, in Somerville, Massachusetts, the middle child of Clifford J. and Anna L. Kelley. Proud Boston Irish through and through, she spent her early years in challenging economic circumstances, but took on a responsible family role, particularly with her younger brother Paul. During the late 1940s, while working in a dining hall on the campus of Harvard University, she met a young student from the Midwest who would become her future husband, Bernard Robert (Bob) Carman, Jr.

Upon Bob's graduation, the couple moved West to get married near his home in Wichita, Kansas in 1952, and they spent the next years living in Arizona and California while he fulfilled his military service during the Korean War. Following his honorable discharge with the rank of Corporal, the couple moved back East, where Bob parlayed his newspaper experience (with the Wichita Eagle) and military public relations work into a position as a reporter, and later columnist, at the prestigious small-town paper, the Berkshire Eagle. The couple lived in Williamstown, Mass., taking part in the vibrant cultural scene at Williams College, and rearing their children — David, born in 1958, and James, born in 1960.

In 1961, Bob accepted a position with Union College in Schenectady, New York, as publications and public relations director, and Barbara became very active in the faculty woman's club and the VISTA volunteer organization, and also worked as a Census taker. In the late 1970s, Bob became editor of Adirondack Life magazine, and the couple moved to Lake Placid, where they stayed until Bob became public relations director with Lafayette College in 1984. They lived in Easton, Pennsylvania until Bob's death in 2015, at which time Barbara moved into an assisted living facility, Spring Hills Mount Vernon, in Alexandria, Virginia, where she lived until her sudden death from complications following a stroke on June 9, 2019.

An avid lifelong reader, Barbara prided herself on staying informed about the world. She was a passionate and committed liberal, fiercely supportive of progressive politicians and causes such as the environment, Planned Parenthood and the ACLU. She was a loving

and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She is survived by her brother Paul, her sons, David and James, and by three grandchildren, Anthony, Lauren and Daniel.

Comments



“ Hello James,
My deepest condolence to you and the entire family. Ms. Barbara was a very kind hearted and generous lady. She looked out for everyone all the time. Thank you for letting us care for her.
She will be missed.

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