



## Patricia Lynn Barnes

October 11, 1931 - June 12, 2020

Patricia L. Barnes, 88, passed away on June 12. Born Oct. 11, 1931 in Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Evelyn Cox Wingert and Lewis Francis.

Patty was a lifelong teacher. After graduating from her beloved Indiana University, she taught numerous first graders to read in schools in Whittier, Calif., Crawfordsville, Ind., Lubbock, Tex. and at St. Aidan's in Alexandria, Va. After earning a master's degree in special education from the College of William and Mary, she moved to teaching students with learning disabilities in Fairborn, Oh. and then at Walt Whitman Middle School in Fairfax County Public Schools for 20 years. She remained in touch with many of her former students who continued to seek her advice. After retirement, she kept on teaching, leading classes on strength training and movement exercises for her friends at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, where she also served on the advisory board and worked in the library. Patty was an enthusiastic sports fan. She was a cheerleader throughout high school and college, and continued to cheer on IU whenever and whoever they played. Other favorites were Arnold Palmer and Tiger Woods, the Redskins and Wizards, and any former IU basketball player in the NBA.

Patty's love of sports was matched by her husband, the late Frank G. Barnes (Maj. Gen, USAF), who died in 1976. In addition to supporting Frank throughout his Air Force career, Patty joined him in attending numerous college and professional sporting events. (Famous in family lore is her attending a football game in Los Angeles a week before giving birth to the couple's first child.) She maintained her teaching career while also performing the duties expected of an officer's wife, giving her children an example in multi-tasking before that became a recognized phenomenon.

Patty was also an enthusiastic cheerleader of her family. She is survived by three children, Beth Barnes of Lexington, Ky., Susan (Joe) Canfield of Pella, Iowa, and Hank (Connie) Barnes of Morrisville, NC; five grandchildren, Alix and Dan Barnes and Katie, Ally and Maddie Canfield; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Penelope Osborne; brother, Phillip Francis; and two nephews.

The family thanks Ray Leshynski for the many ways in which he was of help and support to Patty, particularly in helping her to maintain some independence even as her multiple illnesses conspired against her.

We also thank the staff at Brandywine Living of Alexandria for providing an engaging environment for Patty the last several years and showing so much compassion at the end. Thanks too to Capital Caring for their invaluable services these last few weeks. Patty will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery when circumstances allow; a celebration of life will be held then as well. Jefferson Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions, we suggest the Student Emergency Fund at Indiana University (<https://www.myiu.org/one-time-gift?sc=AG21GANIUFO1GNWETF25M>), the Parkinson's Foundation ([https://secure3.convio.net/.../SPage.../2017\\_donate\\_form\\_2.html...](https://secure3.convio.net/.../SPage.../2017_donate_form_2.html...)), or the National Center for Learning Disabilities (<https://www.nclld.org/donate/>).

# Cemetery

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## **Arlington National Cemetery**

1 Memorial Drive

Arlington, VA, 22211

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - October 24, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Beautiful service to honor your mother.

Alice C - October 25, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia Lynn Barnes.



October 24, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Patricia Lynn Barnes.



October 23, 2020 at 10:24 AM

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“ Ray Leshynski purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patricia Lynn Barnes.



Ray Leshynski - June 17, 2020 at 04:38 PM

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“ Patty Barnes will be forever cherished and remembered for the love, kindness, respect, compassion, and companionship as my true friend for the past 16 years. Patty is irreplaceable and forever will be with me. She enjoyed life to the fullest extent bravely fighting her incurable disease until she peacefully passed on June 12, 2020. She will be missed forever by all that knew her.  
Thank you Patty for sharing your life.

Regards,  
Ray Leshynski

Ray Leshynski - June 17, 2020 at 04:13 PM

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“ Joe Bob Cox and Julia (Cox) Perkins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Lynn Barnes.



Joe Bob Cox and Julia (Cox) Perkins - June 17, 2020 at 09:53 AM