



Barbara Rankin Boyd

May 22, 1946 - September 13, 2023

Barbara Rankin Boyd (77), of Springfield, VA, affectionately known as Bobbi, passed away on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Loving wife to Charles Allen Boyd Jr.; beloved mother to Barb Eckert (Chad), Christopher Boyd (Elizabeth), Patti Hinze (Steve), and Dan Boyd (Zaina); sister to Robert Rankin (Paula); grandmother to Benjamin, Patrick, Leila, Luke, Henry, Wyatt, and Walker.

Bobbi was a dedicated wife of 52 years. Bobbi was a true matriarch, a devoted mother and Mimi. She was a loyal older sister to three brothers. She was a wonderful cook. She loved celebrations, entertaining, and decorating for the holidays. She was a devout Catholic, a prayer warrior, and an advocate for the marginalized. Bobbi was a lifelong learner and teacher, and often helped others with their research. She was creative and enjoyed crafting and all things glitter. She was a den mom and a pageant mom. She always adored being near the ocean, and treasured vacationing at the beach. She was adventurous, and loved roller coasters. She cherished her sweet dachshund, Phoebe. She was a bargain hunter and entrepreneur. She was an avid collector of antiques, glass, jewelry, and recipes. Bobbi was the life of the party and loved to laugh. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

Relatives and friends may attend a visitation and funeral mass at Nativity

Catholic Church, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015 on Thursday, September 28, 2023. A visitation, prayer of the rosary and eulogies will begin at 9:00AM. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 AM and the Mass will be livestreamed as well. Interment will follow at Culpeper National Cemetery. Flowers are being received by the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Women in Action (CWIA) at 5917 Bond Court, Alexandria, VA 22315.

Cemetery Details

Culpeper National Cemetery

305 US Ave
Culpeper, VA 22701

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of Nativity
6400 Nativity Ln.
Burke, VA 22015
<https://nativityburke.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Nativity
6400 Nativity Ln.
Burke, VA 22015
<https://nativityburke.org/>

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Happy St Patrick's Day 2026 my beloved Bobbi*

Chuck - March 17 at 10:29 AM

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“ *Bobbi,*

Happy Valentine's Day sweetheart. I feel your presence especially strong today. With all my love now and forever.



Chuck

Chuck - February 14, 2025 at 10:29 AM

CH

“ *My Beautiful Bride Bobbi,*

Yesterday I went to mass at St James Church to celebrate our 53rd wedding anniversary. Wonderful memories. I stopped by our first house and your Mom's house. More wonderful memories.

Loving you forever and always.

Chuck

Chuck - August 29, 2024 at 02:51 PM

CH

“ *My Sweet Sweet Bobbi,*

Happy birthday sweetheart. After celebrating 53 birthdays with you I celebrated today's birthday with a mass intention. There were more than 75 Nativity parishioners praying for you. Father Bresnahan, who saw you and gave you the Anointing of the Sick Sacrament shortly before you left us prayed the mass and said he would pray for you throughout today.

You are in my heart throughout the day, every day.

With All My Love,

Chuck

Chuck - May 22, 2024 at 05:46 PM

CH

“ *My Beloved Bobbi,*

54 years ago today my life completely changed. I met you. You became the most important person in my life and still are. You're so very close to me. Over my heart I'm wearing your wedding band with the cross you gave me many many years ago. One day we will be face to face with our savior and each other in paradise.

What a blessing you were to me!

Chucl - May 08, 2024 at 08:54 AM

CH

“ Bobbi,

“You Are Christmas”

Christmas is you, when you decide to be born again each day and let God into your soul.

The Christmas angels are you, when you sing to the world a message of peace, justice, and love.

The Christmas star is you, when you lead someone to meet the Lord.

The Christmas gift is you, when you are truly friend and brother/sister of every human being.

A very Merry Christmas for all those who are Christmas.

Chuck - December 18, 2023 at 04:35 PM

CH

“ My Beloved Bobbi,

I miss you so much. I've surrendered my grief to Jesus.

I have to close my eyes and let myself to be carried away on the flowing current of His grace; close my eyes and not think of the present, and turning my thoughts away from the future just as I would from temptation. I have to repose in Him, believing in His goodness and His promise to me by His love that if I say, "You take care of it." He will take care of it all: He will console me, liberate me and guide me.

No one can do it better.

Chuck - December 13, 2023 at 12:48 PM

CH

“ To Bobbi, Mom, Mimi,

As we gather together in the midst of our grief and sorrow, we come before you with hearts heavy from the loss of our beloved Wife, Mom and Mimi. Though our pain is deep, we are grateful for the time we had with those we loved, and we thank you for the cherished memories we hold close.

Lord, we ask for your comfort and strength to sustain us during this difficult season. Wrap your loving arms around our family, and help us find solace in each other's presence. May our shared sorrow bring us closer and remind us of the preciousness of life and the importance of the bonds we share.

Thank you for the love and support we've received from friends and family during this time of mourning. We are grateful for their compassion and presence in our lives.

As we move forward, help us to honor the memory of her by living lives filled with love, kindness, and compassion. May her legacy inspire us to cherish each day and to be a source of comfort and support to others who may be experiencing loss.

In this time of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for the love that continues to unite our family, even in the face of loss. We trust that you are with us in our grief, and we find hope in the promise of eternal life through your Son, Jesus Christ. In His name, we offer this Thanksgiving prayer. Amen.

With all our love,

Your Family

Chuck - November 23, 2023 at 12:05 PM

BE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barb Eckert - November 12, 2023 at 04:11 PM

CH

“ *Bobbi and Chuck*

53 years ago today we got engaged. Biggest question I'd ever asked. Best 'yes' answer I'd ever received. Lived happily after for 52 years. What a blessing she was to me.

Chuck - November 08, 2023 at 10:46 AM



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Patti Hinze - November 10, 2023 at 09:02 PM

CH

“ *Bobbi, Mom, Mimi,*

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend her in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon her life with us, they are signs to us of your goodness and our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to her and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with You and with her and Peter forever. Amen

She has gone no further from us than to you Lord God, and You are always very near.

*With all my love,
Chuck*

Chuck - November 02, 2023 at 09:04 PM



Patti Hinze - November 10, 2023 at 09:02 PM

CH

“ *Love is the Touch*

*Love is the touch of intangible joy
love is the force that no fear can destroy
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud
God is where love is, for love is of God*

*Love is the lilt in a lingering voice
love is the hope that can make us rejoice
Love is the cure for the frightened and flawed
God is where love is, for love is of God*

*Love is the light in the tunnel of pain
love is the will to be whole once again
Love is the trust of a friend on the road
God is where love is, for love is of God*

*Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son
love is the kingdom their will has begun
Love is the path which the saints have all trod
God is where love is, for love is of God*

*Love is the touch of intangible joy
love is the force that no fear can destroy
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Chuck - October 29, 2023 at 01:03 PM



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Patti Hinze - November 10, 2023 at 09:01 PM

CH

“ *Bobbi,
Love is a feeling of beautiful warmth one person can bring to your heart,
and a feeling of loneliness deep down inside whenever you must be apart.
Love is a feeling of gladness that comes from the sight of that one happy smile, A feeling of comfort you have when you know there's somebody there all the while.
Love is a feeling of such special caring, a feeling of magic and fun, a feeling of wonderful oneness you share with only that "one certain one."
I love you because when you are near the whole world is beautiful and full of wonder, because of the warmth and happiness I feel with you beside me.
I love you because of your goodness and all the thoughtful things you did. I love you, and for me you'll always be that "one certain one."
Chuck*

Chuck - October 25, 2023 at 12:14 PM



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Patti Hinze - November 10, 2023 at 09:01 PM

CH

“ *May the choir of angels,
Come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord surround you
In His mercy.
May you find eternal life*

Chuck - October 01, 2023 at 08:24 AM

My Bobbi's Eulogy

Thank you everyone for coming to celebrate and reflect on Bobbi's life. My beautiful and loving wife for fifty-two years.

She was the proud mother of our four wonderful children Barb, Chris, Patti and Dan and loved their spouses Chad, Beth, Steve and Zaina.

Bobbi was also a very proud Mimi to seven grandchildren Ben, Patrick, Leila, Luke, Wyatt, Walker, and Henry.

Barbara was the sister to three younger brothers, and she let them know it. Thank you, Bob, and Paula, Cheryl, and Brian for coming.

We first met on May 8th on a hayride, through the Catholic Young Adults Club, and began dating. I quickly knew she was the one, and she felt the same way about me.

We were engaged six months later on November 8th . Due to my military training, we had a long-distance engagement, but our love grew stronger even though we were 3,000 miles apart. 100's of letters.

We were married on August 28, 1971. The happiest day of our lives. We both knew our vocation in life was to be married and raise children so they would experience all that God had in store for them and us. God richly blessed our vocation and us.

Bobbi suffered a miscarriage in our second year of marriage. Then we were excited to learn, that we were expecting again. During her sixth month, Bobbi began to show signs of another miscarriage. We asked our prayer group to please begin praying. We were very young in the Spirit. We had often prayed over others ... but this was different.

Bobbi's Mom and I were with her that night. Bobbi was really

grieving that her mom and I didn't lay hands on her and pray. In the meantime, her mom was in the parking lot preparing to go home when she heard a voice say, "go back and pray over your daughter". We heard a knock on the door and opening the door her mom said to me "we need to lay hands on her and pray". We did. Three months later, our daughter Barbara was born, and our entire St Agnes prayer group celebrated with us at her Baptism. God richly blessed Bobbi ... for her Faith in trusting in Him ... with more children.

Bobbi blossomed into the best wife, and Mother I could have ever imagined. She loved our children so much. She relied on her strong foundation of Catholic Faith in raising them. Bobbi was their rock in times of need. She was their sounding board and encourager in helping them solve problems. She took care of them when they were sick. She consoled them when they were sad. She was their scout leader and camp counselor. Bobbi was always there for them from the day they were born until the very end.

Bobbi was not only an amazing mother but also a compassionate caregiver. When her mother and two younger brothers Donny and David needed help with long-term care, she dropped everything, flew to their side, and stayed with them for weeks, even months to help them at a very difficult time. She was their comfort and their rock at the same time.

Even after their passings, she continued on in her support and made all the funeral and burial arrangements. She did all this while at the same time praying for their eternal life in heaven.

She always helped others in their grief while grieving herself.

Bobbi's strong faith encouraged me to ask my dad if he wanted to become a Catholic before he died. He had always talked about it and quickly said yes. He was baptized into the Church, was forgiven for his sins, and received the Holy Eucharist at the same time.

Chris, Patti, Dan, and my brother Steve were there. Our youngest son, Dan, was my Dad's God Father. A few months later my father joined my mother in heaven as a Catholic couple.

Chuck - September 29, 2023 at 04:15 PM

Bobbi was known as a Christian Women in Action Ministry prayer warrior. The CWIA prayer line receives many prayer requests, and she would always respond when the prayer team was notified. She intensely prayed for those requests as if they were coming from her own family. She offered to pray for anyone she met who was having difficulties of any kind.

Bobbi was so generous to others. She made meals for her sick friends and took them to their house. She did whatever she could to help and encourage those that needed it and be an example of Christian charity ... She did what Jesus would do.

Bobbi loved her Catholic Faith and her Family above all.

Bobbi suffered a stroke and was slowly recovering only to suffer another stroke on her last day.

Over those 19 days, countless people prayed for her recovery. Their prayers were a great comfort to our family.

The hospital's Catholic chaplain, during his first visit with Bobbi, gave me the Surrender Novena that I prayed every day.

Novena means nine. The apostles and the Blessed Mother Mary spent nine days in prayer before God sent the Holy Spirit to them on the tenth day at Pentecost. There is a special intention prayer each day of a Novena as well as a prayer in response. Bobbi's condition couldn't wait nine days, so I said the entire Novena every day ... multiple times ... an emergency Novena.

The response prayer is ...

O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!

Daily I prayed multiple intentions for her to get better...

I surrendered my life to Jesus for her ... many times.

I surrendered her stroke to Jesus ... many, many times.

I surrendered her recovery to Jesus ... many, many times.

I was praying and hoping for her to get better ... but she wasn't.

On her last day the Holy Spirit told me that morning I needed to intercede for Bobbi and pray for the surrender of her life to Jesus because she couldn't ... It was God's plan now and not mine anymore ... I surrendered her life to Him ... many, many times. Jesus takes care of everything.

Her condition became critical, and she returned to the ICU. That night, in her final hours, Bobbi received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and then Last Rites of the Church from two different Priests.

When I got to see Bobbi, I introduced myself to her nurse and asked him his name and he said, just call me Jesse. When I saw Jesus (hey-soos) on his name badge, I said, so your name is not Jesse but (hey-soos) Jesus. He said I could call him Jesus (hay-soos). I said, "oh no, to me your name is Jesus".

There are no coincidences with God ... He takes care of everything. He answered Bobbi's intercessory surrender prayer the Holy Spirit told me to pray for her that day.

Not long after, Bobbi's heart unexpectedly and suddenly stopped for twenty minutes but she was heroically revived by Jesus' team. I agreed with the Doctor that if her heart stopped again, it was God's will. She was ready to peacefully surrender herself into the loving care of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Just a few minutes later the Doctor told me her heart stopped.

Peace for her at last.

Chuck - September 29, 2023 at 04:12 PM

She's no longer here ...

But I got to share 70% of my life with her. What a heavenly blessing she was for me ... our family ... everyone she knew.

She was my life partner, she made me a better Christian man, a better husband, father, and granddad.

She was always my rock. We always supported each other; we finished one another's sentences. We prayed for each other.

We laughed with each other and at each other, we cried together, we fussed at each other.

She was so kind, compassionate, and understanding to all those she met.

She endured numerous aches and pains in recent years and offered them up cheerfully for the relief of others.

I'll miss her smile, her voice, her kiss, her hug. I'll miss making her coffee in the morning. I'll miss being her sous chef. I'll miss her kindness ... her cheerfulness ... her companionship.

Along with baby Peter ... she's now in the loving arms of Jesus ... her Savior.

Around me I feel her presence ... her spirit. I know that I'll always have that feeling ... until we are together again for eternity ... with our Savior.

I Love You

CH

“ *Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.* ”

Chuck - September 26, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Rankin Boyd.* ”



September 25, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Rankin Boyd.* ”

September 24, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Rankin Boyd.* ”



September 24, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Rankin Boyd.* ”



September 22, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Rankin Boyd.*



September 21, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Rankin Boyd.*



September 20, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Patti Hinze - September 19, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Patti Hinze - September 19, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Rankin Boyd.*



September 19, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Rankin Boyd.

September 19, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Rankin Boyd.*



September 19, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Barbara Rankin Boyd.*



September 19, 2023 at 09:01 PM



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Patti Hinze - September 19, 2023 at 07:11 PM



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Barb Eckert - September 19, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ 50th anniversary jubilee mass



Barb Eckert - September 19, 2023 at 05:37 PM

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“ 50th anniversary vacation



Barb Eckert - September 19, 2023 at 05:23 PM

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Barb Eckert - September 19, 2023 at 05:18 PM

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Barb Eckert - September 19, 2023 at 05:15 PM

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Barb Eckert - September 19, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Barbara Rankin Boyd.



September 19, 2023 at 04:32 PM