



## Barbara Marie Taylor

February 14, 1932 - August 14, 2021

Barbara Marie Taylor, 89, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the Goodwin House after a long illness. She was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts on February 14, 1932 and was the daughter of hardworking Syrian immigrants, the late Madeline Elbeery and Farris Marad. They instilled great pride in their Middle Eastern heritage that carried on throughout her life. She was predeceased by sisters, Grace and Marion; and brothers, Henry and George (Corinne).

Barbara was a 1950 graduate of Lawrence High School. Upon graduation, she continued her education at the Chamberlayne School of Design in Newton, MA. Barbara had a knack for fashion and design and was proud to share she was employed at Jordan Marsh Department Store (Boston) and Macy's in New York City following graduation.

On October 17, 1953, she married Richard "Dick" T. Taylor, Jr., who passed away in 2003. After moving to various cities from Boston, MA, Metuchen, NJ; Memphis, TN to Greenville, MS for Dick's career with the FBI, they settled in Alexandria, VA in 1959 to be close to the D.C. headquarters. Barbara and Dick raised their family there and are survived by their children: Richard (Ann) of Decatur, GA; Henry (Theresa), of Framingham, MA; Paul (Pim), of Shepherdstown, WV; Robert (Joyce) of Colonial Heights, VA; Marion (Neal) of Woodbridge, VA; and Grace (Martin) of Alexandria, VA; and grandchildren, Nicholas Taylor (Kara); Stephen Taylor (Lindsey); Madeline Taylor (David); Candi Tracey; Gianna Taylor; Zachary Grimm; Clare Grimm, and Sean Taylor;

ten great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Barbara leaves her lifelong friend Shirley Indelicato, also of Alexandria.

When her children became school age, she was happy to find a part-time job as a switchboard operator for Rosenthal Chevrolet for a few years, but wanted to do more. So, in the 1980s, Barbara became a workload coordinator for United Airlines and received many recognitions for her work and leadership over her twenty year career. She balanced both family responsibilities and work by taking the “late” shift at a reservation call center near Dulles Airport. She loved her work and her work family. Working for the airlines was a perfect fit as it fed her desire to travel with friends and family to many cities and countries around the world.

Barbara loved to garden and bestowed that on her children and grandchildren, often having them help prune the beautiful plants she had in her yard, especially her azaleas and camelias. She loved to cook and made the most delicious baklava; and all who knew her will certainly miss her signature pumpkin bread which was an annual fall treat she loved to share. Barbara’s door was always open, and her kitchen table always had a seat available for friends. We will all miss her beautiful smile, quick wit and warm heart.

Family will receive friends from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. on September 16, 2021, with a prayer and remembrance at 5:30 p.m. at Jefferson Funeral Chapel in Alexandria, Virginia. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery on a date to be determined.

Barbara and her family are especially thankful for the wonderful and professional caregivers who supported her at the Goodwin House. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial contributions be made in her honor to the Goodwin House Foundation, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22311 or <https://www.goodwinhouse.org/giving/programs/> or to the Essex County Community Fund/Lawrence High School Alumni Association <https://secure.etransfer.com/eft/flexblockcode/donation1.cfm?d2org=ECCF&d2tool=LawrenceHSAA>.



# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Previous Events

## Gathering

SEP **16**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
[info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Marie Taylor



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - September 08, 2021 at 01:35 PM

NM

*Barbara Taylor: my dear friend/ the momma that I adopted. I had the privilege of forming a loving relationship with momma Taylor from caring for her at Northern Virginia Family Practice. I loved her dearly. Momma Taylor will always have a special place in my heart. She will be greatly missed. My condolences to her entire family. This is truly a great loss of such a beautiful individual.*

*Much Love*

*Natalie from Northern Virginia Family Practice*

Natalie Meredith - May 02, 2024 at 12:46 AM



“ Barbara Marie Taylor

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie Taylor.*



September 14, 2021 at 04:30 PM

FK

“ *From Uncle Ray's children: Mary Anne, David, Janice, Richard, Kathy, and Karen purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Barbara Marie Taylor.*



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**From Uncle Ray's children: Mary Anne, David, Janice, Richard, Kathy, and Karen - September 10, 2021 at 09:03 PM**

GK

“ *Very sad to hear the passing of Barbara, my sincere condolences to all of her great friends and family. Although we never got a chance to meet, we spoke on the phone and sent cards. I started hearing all about "mom" in the mid 90's from my treasured friend, her daughter Marion, while we became great pals in Scotland. I remember her laughter on the phone and her frankness when discussing various things. Her warmth was evident and I can only imagine how many great friendships she formed in her lifetime.*

*The love that she gave to all and the love Marion expressed to me about her mom was shared in all the great stories. This is a very special gift that will be treasured forever.*

*I know these last few years were difficult ones for your mom as she required more care and kindness. Cognitive decline is equally as difficult for the family. You did all you could, You made sure she was safe and well cared for and spent time with her.*

*She would tell you how thankful she was if she could. Smile and remember the good times and all she taught you.*

*Our condolences to all the family,*

*Big hugs Mare xoxo*

*Gail Ritchie and Keith Moore - your Canadian Brit family*

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**Gail and Keith** - September 05, 2021 at 01:35 PM

VW

“ Henry, Richard, and The Taylor Family,

*We were so sorry to hear of your dear Mom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*The T.C Williams Class of 1973*

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**Vicki Warren** - August 27, 2021 at 08:20 AM



JM

“ *I didn't know your mom, just Henry and Richard from B.I. and T.C. But I felt compelled to leave this note because it seems I missed out on a chance to get to know you guys better and to meet and know your mom and her baklava. I am sorry for your loss and assuming great memories of her will tide you thru this time.*

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**Jeff McCartney** - August 26, 2021 at 11:57 PM

DF

“ *Many fond memories with Barbara at United Airlines. She was always helpful and very smart. Barbara was one of the few people that come into your life for whatever reason and leaves a fond memories in your life. Rest in Peace.*

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**Denise (Torcisi) Friedman** - August 21, 2021 at 09:01 AM

SN

“ *The sister I never had in my own family.SHE SAVED MY LIFE 55 years ago.GUESS WHO YES Shirley.*

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**shirley I NDELICATO** - August 20, 2021 at 05:21 PM

JU

“ *My dearest friend. And other Mom. We became friends over 32yrs ago while at United Airlines. I got to know the girls very well Marion and Grace. We would often ride to work together and she would delight me with her famous Crab Cakes. At Christmas I would always get her Liver Pate', Spanakopita and Baklava. I will truly miss her hugs and infectious smile. Luv and miss u. Friend Julia Pollard*

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**JuliaPollard** - August 19, 2021 at 07:36 PM

HT

“ *At Karen and Mark's wedding*



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**Henry Taylor** - August 19, 2021 at 07:03 PM

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“ *Mom and Rob*



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**Henry Taylor** - August 19, 2021 at 07:02 PM

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“ *Gianna and Sithoo*



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**Henry Taylor** - August 19, 2021 at 06:59 PM

MA

“ *I worked with Barbara for about 25years both in Mclean and Sterling. She certainly loved all of her family and friends at United. Always there to lend a hand,work hard, laugh and provide excellent service. She certainly gave herself fully to all who knew her. Rest in peace dear friend. We are all so grateful that we had time to share with you in and out of the office.*

*Mark Albosta*

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**Mark Albosta** - August 19, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie Taylor.*



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August 19, 2021 at 05:23 PM