



## Leona Fox Barber

September 30, 1927 - October 1, 2022

Leona Fox Barber, USN Ret. of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at the age of 95.

Mrs. Barber was born in Wilton, New Hampshire, the daughter of the late Archer Douglas Fox and Mabel Fuller Fox. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1948 and commissioned in the U.S. Navy as an Ensign after working for one year in New York City in advertising and modeling.

She remained on active duty for eleven years, with assignments all over the country. She received many awards and commendations during her military career. She married her husband, Navy Captain Albertus V. Barber Jr in the Navy Chapel in Washington DC in 1959.

Mrs. Barber resigned her commission as a Lieutenant Commander in 1960 in order to join her husband at his duty station in Jacksonville, Florida. They later moved to Alexandria, Virginia where Mrs. Barber joined the faculty at St Agnes (now St Stephens and St Agnes) School in Alexandria, Virginia, first as a second grade teacher and later as Head of the Lower and Middle School. When her children were grown, she returned to Federal service, with Senator Harry F. Byrd and later with the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress.

She was active in church work at Sharon Chapel in Franconia, had been on the board of Friends of Guest House which helps women successfully re-enter the community from incarceration, and was a member of Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She loved gardening, cooking at Carpenter's Shelter for the area homeless and socializing with friends & family.

Mrs. Barber held a B.A. degree from the University of New Hampshire, a Master's degree from George Mason University and certificates from the US Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Captain Albertus V. Barber Jr. She is survived by her two children: Amy Barber Jones of Alexandria, Virginia, and Albertus V. Barber III (Biff) of Mount Vernon, Illinois, and 5 grandchildren: David Jones, Eric Jones, Ashley Jones, Albertus V. Barber IV (Alex) and Samuel Barber. She is also survived by two brothers, Kevin Fox of New York and Neal Fox of Vermont, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may gather from 10:30-11:00AM at Jefferson Funeral Chapel on Saturday, December 10, 2022. A celebration of Leona's life will follow starting at 11AM. A graveside service to honor Lea's military career will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on a date to be determined.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

DEC 10. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Leona Fox Barber*



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - December 08, 2022 at 09:20 AM

SD

“ *I was sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My family attended Sharon Chapel for many years, and I know she was great friends of my parents, Normand and Joan Olmstead, where they participated in the Sharon Chapel bridge club. I have great respect for her wonderful career in the Navy and in serving Congress. I know my parents will be very happy to welcome her in heaven! Best regards, Susan Olmstead Douffas*

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**Susan O Douffas** - December 09, 2022 at 07:10 PM

AJ

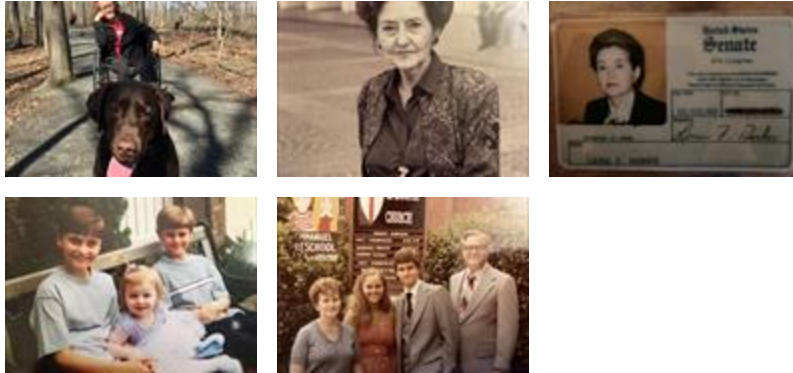
*Thank you for your kind words - Lee's children*

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**Amy Barber Jones** - December 10, 2022 at 03:24 PM

AJ

“ 13 files added to the album Mom pics



Amy Barber Jones - December 09, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leona Fox Barber.



December 06, 2022 at 09:27 AM

KJ

“ My deepest condolences to Lea's family. I worked with her at the Congressional Research Service from 1989 to 1991 while fresh out of college and immediately after the loss of both of my parents. While I am not sure she realized it (although I am sure she did), Lea effectively acted as a Mom of sorts while I was desperately in need of one. She taught me volumes about dealing with adversity and being a professional, while all the time being frankly hilarious in an understated way. I miss her greatly.

-- Kurt Jordan, Ithaca NY

Kurt Jordan - November 26, 2022 at 11:46 PM

AJ

*Hi Kurt,  
Kristen sent your regards. Thank you for your kind words! - Amy*

**Amy Barber Jones** - December 10, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Leona Fox Barber*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

KW

“ *My deepest condolences to all of Lea's family. She was a truly special person who touched and shaped countless persons over her long and productive life. She worked tirelessly to help and support others and always remained true to her values. She mentored younger colleagues at CRS, quietly set an example for us follow and learn from, and her dedication to service to Congress still remains an inspiration to those of us lucky enough to have worked with her. She leaves behind a lasting legacy.  
Kristen Whitney*

**Kristen Whitney** - October 19, 2022 at 09:19 AM

AJ

*Hi Kristen,  
It was so nice seeing you at moms service. Thank you for your kind words!  
-Amy*

**Amy Barber Jones** - December 10, 2022 at 03:26 PM

MF

“ I had the pleasure of working with Lee from approximately 1984-90 during which we at times overlapped at the Congressional Research Service. She was efficient and kind, good-humored and hard working. More than just a great colleague, Lee was a steadfast joyful presence. My sincere condolences to her family and my continued thanks to Lee. Que en Paz Descanse.

Mark Fry - October 19, 2022 at 12:58 AM

AJ

Thank you for your kind words about mom - Lee's children

Amy Barber Jones - December 10, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leona Fox Barber.



October 18, 2022 at 01:06 PM

PB

“ I send my deepest condolences to the Barber Family. I was a colleague of Leona (we called her Lee) in the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. She was a sweet lady.  
Phillip Brogsdale

Phillip Brogsdale - October 18, 2022 at 12:57 PM

AJ

Hi Phillip, thank you for the beautiful flowers! We set them on the altar today during mom's service :)  
-Amy

Amy Barber Jones - December 10, 2022 at 03:29 PM

LG

“ My deepest condolences to the Barber family for your loss. Leona was my supervisor and colleague for 17 years, a valued friend and someone I for whom I had deep admiration and respect. I will always cherish my conversations and experiences with her and her support for me. Louis Golino

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**Louis Golino** - October 09, 2022 at 10:53 AM

AJ

*Hi Louis,  
Thank you for your kind words about mom - Amy*

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**Amy Barber Jones** - December 10, 2022 at 03:29 PM