



## Barbara Haley

March 9, 1941 - February 11, 2021

Barbara Jean (Barno) Haley, 79, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully at home on February 11, 2021, following an unflinching battle with cancer.

She was born on March 9, 1941, in Johnson City, NY. She was predeceased by her parents Stephen and Sophia Barno, brother John Barno, sister Jane Coleman, brothers-in-law Bernard Eck and Tom Closser, and nieces Courtney Eck and Cynthia Wells. She is survived by her devoted husband of 53 years, John Haley; her sons Colin (Kathleen) Haley of Milton, MA, Ryan (Kristina) Haley of Bogotá, Colombia; her sisters Marilyn Eck and Elaine Closser, both of Endicott, NY, brother-in-law Michael Coleman of Endwell, NY; sister-in-law Lorraine Barno of Cocoa, FL.; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was the beloved “Babcia” to grandchildren Margaret, John, Luke and Caroline of Milton, MA, and Sofia and Nicolas of Bogotá, Colombia, whom she instilled with a love of nature, music, art, and outdoor activities.

Barb grew up in Endicott, NY, in a large and loving Polish family. She graduated from Nazareth College in Rochester, NY, with a bachelor’s degree in nursing. After moving to New Hampshire, she worked as a nurse at Nashua Pediatrics for more than 20 years, forming lifelong friendships with many of the doctors and nurses.

Her Catholic faith was important to her and sustained her throughout her illness. She was a 40-year communicant of St. Kathryn’s Parish in Hudson and volunteered as an altar server. She put her faith into practice at the Hudson Community Food Pantry and by performing countless, small acts of kindness for friends and neighbors.

Barb was a talented athlete. Although she grew up with few opportunities to play organized sports, as an adult she skied, hiked, bowled, played tennis and was likely the oldest (and oftentimes the most productive) women’s softball player in town.

Barb sincerely appreciated the professional and compassionate care of her doctors and

nurses at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington, MA, and Foundation Health Hematology and Oncology and Southern New Hampshire Medical Center in Nashua, NH. Home Health & Hospice Care of Merrimack. She was also grateful for the kindness of her many friends and neighbors.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, February 16, at 10AM in St Kathryn's Church located at 4 Dracut Rd. in Hudson, NH. A brief Walk-Through Visitation will be held immediately following the Mass. Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Hudson, NH, will be limited to family. All those attending are asked to wear a mask as well as to follow social distancing guidelines. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barb's memory to the New Hampshire Audubon Society at <http://www.nh Audubon.org/donate/make-a-donation/> or the Hudson Community Food Pantry, PO Box 293, Hudson, NH 03051.

# Events

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**FEB** **MASS AT CHURCH** 10:00AM

**16**

St. Kathryn's Church

4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH, US

# Comments

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“ Barb taught me "the ropes" at Nashua Pediatrics when I decided to work a part time job as an evening and weekend nurse. She was quietly and graciously a willing lead for me. I learned a lot from her. Her knowledge of pediatric nursing inspired me to do my best and her humor kept me grounded. I missed her so much when she retired and always looked forward to seeing her at future company events. I have thought about her often and will continue to do so, Barb was one in a million.

**Paula Edwards** - March 15 at 01:41 PM

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“ I worked with Barb for many years, sharing the weekend, evening and holiday schedule at Nashua Pediatrics Prof. Assoc. If ever anyone could be called “a peach” it would be Barb. Her dry wit and sense of humor lightened many a difficult situation in both my personal and professional life. She was a quiet unassuming gal who knew just the right words to make me laugh. An excellent nurse. A special friend. Cyndy Burke

**Cyndy Burke** - March 15 at 01:01 PM

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“ I was privileged to play Women's Hudson Softball for 10 years with Barbara (and I agree, she must have been the oldest player ever!), she was a wonderful pediatric nurse, so kind to the children, I volunteered along side with her at the Food Pantry and her dedication to St. Kathryn's and her faith was comforting. Barbara was a very strong, but quiet woman who gave everything to whatever she was involved in. She will be missed by many. May she rest in peace.  
Margaret St. Onge and Family

**Margaret St Onge** - February 27 at 09:16 AM

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“ Barbara was one of our neighbors who loved doing yard work. She was never too busy to stop and chat whenever I walked by with my dog. She was so pleasant to talk to and always had a positive thing to say about anyone. She will be missed dearly in the neighborhood. With such great neighbors we have on our street, we will all help to look after jack. Rest in peace our friend.

**Cheryl Keefe** - February 16 at 04:35 PM

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“ I was so surprised to hear of Barbara's passing. I knew Barbara from church of course and also from working with her at the food pantry. She was an experienced worker and I valued her advice and guidance when I started. She also had a great sense of humor and ready to help anyone who needed assistance. I will miss her. May Barbara rest in peace.

**Debbie Joy** - February 14 at 05:23 PM

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“ Barbara will be really missed by Carol Wallace and Curt Laffin. She was dear friend who shared many a breakfast at Suzie's Diner. We are considered regulars and she will be missed by us and all the staff.  
Barbara shared an interest in Bird Watching and often the conversation would be around the various birds we saw at our feeders. She yearly shared the Bird count for the Audubon Society with Curt.  
We will think of her when we go to the beach with our binoculars and scope as we try to find shore birds and seals as sport she shared with us.  
May rest with the angels in heaven.



**Carol Wallace** - February 14 at 12:52 PM

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“ I was shocked to hear about Barbara's passing. We worked together at the Food Pantry here in Hudson.....and she such a wonderful part of our parish. She was taken way too soon.....I guess God needed someone special in His Eternal Home. I will miss her constant smile....may you rest in peace, Barb.

**Jet Richardson** - February 14 at 03:35 AM