



Barbara Cole Valdes

January 6, 1938 - May 13, 2024

Barbara Cole Valdes, beloved mother and grandmother, peacefully passed away on May 13, 2024, at the age of 86, in Mount Prospect, Illinois. Born on January 6, 1938, in Benton, Illinois. She was a quiet person with deep convictions. Barbara proudly trained and worked as an RN before starting her family. When her daughters were older, she fulfilled her love of learning by getting degrees in psychology and religion from Maryville College, where she graduated with honors.

Barbara was known for her love of genealogy, spending countless hours researching her family history and uncovering stories from the past. She was also a talented seamstress, finding joy in creating beautiful pieces through sewing. She was an avid reader, reading everything from mysteries and romance to detailed local history. She was a member of the Sherlock Holmes Society.

A devoted pet owner, Barbara cherished her Shih Tzu dogs over the years and found great joy in meeting new people and their furry companions. However, her greatest pride and joy were her grandchildren, whom she adored and supported wholeheartedly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Clinton and Lena Florence (Locklar) Cole and her husband, Andres Valdes.

Survivors include her daughters: Elizabeth "Libby" Valdes of St. Louis, Missouri, Marta Valdes-Revord and husband, Tom of Chicago, Illinois, and Sharon Valdes-Dolphin and husband Steve of Scottsdale, Arizona; grandchildren: Andrew, Charlie, Ryan and CeCe.

A private family funeral service will take place at Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery. Burial will follow at Valhalla Cemetery, 7600 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis, Missouri, where Barbara will be laid to rest with her husband, Andres.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society of Missouri, Macklind Ave, St. Louis, Missouri, 63110.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133