



Joyce Barnes

February 16, 1932 - April 26, 2024

Joyce Luecke Barnes, 92, entered eternal life on April 26, 2024.

A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, as well as daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She was born in St. Louis to her parents, Rose and Ray Luecke. She lived her childhood in the St. Louis area and attended Washington University, where she was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. There she met and fell in love with Richard G. “Dick” Barnes. They married shortly after graduation on May 28, 1955, and were together for 36 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband; sister, Virginia Luecke Sobo and niece, Gwenn Sobo Fontana.

Survivors include her son, Jim Barnes of St. Louis, Missouri; daughter, Nancy (Marc) Cacciarelli of St. Louis, Missouri; grandchildren: Anna (Chase) Gray, Jimmy Barnes, Alex (Becca) Cacciarelli, Chris (Brooke) Cacciarelli and Nick Cacciarelli; and 2-month-old twin great-grandchildren, Charles and Caroline Gray.

Joyce was a woman of many talents and interests. She was a master seamstress and created many heirloom treasures through the art of knitting, crochet, cross stitch, needle point, intricate quilting and smocking. She loved chocolate and ice cream, holidays, and baking, she was a Zoo Friend and bird lover, an exceptional gardener and cook. She was an avid fan of anything sports and rarely missed the hundreds of sporting events for her children and grandchildren. She faithfully followed the STL Cardinals, NFL and college

football, March Madness, and the Boston Celtics. She loved her country, and the American flag was always visible at her home.

But most important in her life was her family and her faith in Jesus Christ. Joyce was always serving others in and out of her home. Offering prayers, meals, companionship, and the gift of time. For 70 years she was a member of Central Presbyterian Church, she volunteered as a teacher in the 4-year-old Sunday School class, participated in bible study groups, community outreach, helping in the church kitchen and the Central blood drive. During COVID she knit 400 baby hats for Nurses for Newborns. Joyce was a silent servant and was dearly loved by so many.

The family would like to thank the loving and devoted assisted living staff at Aberdeen Heights for their exceptional care for the past six months.

A ceremony to celebrate Joyce's life will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at Central Presbyterian Church, 7700 Davis Drive, Clayton, Missouri, 63105. A private family inurnment will take place at Valhalla Cemetery, where Joyce will be buried with her husband.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Westminster Christian Academy, 800 Maryville Centre Drive, Town and Country, Missouri, 63017, or Central Presbyterian Missions Ministries, 7700 Davis Drive, Clayton, Missouri, 63105.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Central Presbyterian Church
7700 Davis Drive
Clayton, MO 63105

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Michael & Sally Barnes family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joyce Barnes.*



The Michael & Sally Barnes family - May 07, 2024 at 06:04 PM

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“ *I have such sweet memories of Mrs. Barnes sharing stories of her love for her grandchildren. She was fiercely proud of them and loved being a part of their lives. She gave me "grandma goals," and I strive to be like Joyce!*

Michelle Burke - May 07, 2024 at 08:12 AM

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“ Nancy, Jim and all of your family,

Your mom was such a wonderful lady and a very dear, special friend to my mother as they attended Washington University and were Gamma Phi Beta sisters! They were bridesmaids for each other, and friends for life. Through thick and thin, they had the best of times and consoled each other during trying times.

Thanksgiving and Christmas were special at the Barnes' house! What a great cook she was! She and your dad made sure everyone at the table enjoyed plenty of laughter and food! The stories told during those dinners still make me smile.

Memories of not only her holiday meals , but also her love of gardening, (particularly her roses), her sewing room, and her laugh are just a few things that come to mind. But most of all, her love for all of you was shown in everything she did, acts of compassion and caring which came so easily to her. She shared that compassion with those beyond her family, too. Those are the traits everyone should aspire to.

She has passed those traits on to all of you, and she will truly dwell in heaven for eternity as she led a life of praise for the Lord. She has gone to be with your father, and they will continue to watch over you and your extended family. May you find solace in knowing she is in God's hands.

Julie and Tom Schaberg and family

Julie schaberg - May 07, 2024 at 12:32 AM