



## Barbara R. Allen

February 5, 1952 - September 9, 2021

Barbara R. Allen, 69, of Baldwinsville, passed away Thursday, September 9th following a recent diagnosis of cancer. Born in Staten Island to Raymond and Joyce Rowan, she graduated from Curtis High School in 1969. She received an Associates of Nursing from the College of Staten Island in 1971 and a Bachelors of Psychology in 1982. Barbara was the head nurse of the NICU at Staten Island Hospital for several years. As a young woman she was an avid traveler, spending time in Europe, the Caribbean, and Mexico. She married the love of her life, Jack, on June 6th, 1981, and they spent forty happy years together. Barbara and Jack moved to El Cerrito, California, in 1988, and then to Baldwinsville in 1990, making lifelong friends wherever she went.

Barbara had a deep love of nature and was drawn to water and the sea. As a child, she spent summers at Cranberry Lake in Connecticut and at Greenport on the North Shore of Long Island. After moving to Baldwinsville, she spent hours taking walks along the Seneca River, making careful note of weather and animal activity from day to day. Many happy hours were also spent walking the trails at Beaver Lake Nature Center. This love of the natural world led her to the Ikenobo School of Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging), which she studied for many years, eventually earning a first level teaching certificate.

Barbara was a true correspondent, in the traditional sense of the word. She was well known for her handwritten letters, which connected friends and

family far and wide over many years. Occasionally, she would also write short stories and poetry.

In her later years, she enjoyed joining her daughters in their activities, attending anime and comic conventions and Renaissance fairs with them and their friends. She taught an Ikebana workshop at Ohayocon in Columbus, Ohio, from 2009 – 2013. She has cosplayed at each convention she attended, to great acclaim.

She is survived by her husband, Jack; her daughters Heather (Justin) Schroeder of Harrington Park, NJ, and Kelsey Allen of Trenton, NJ; her sisters Sean (Kevin) Hanly of Brownsville, VT, and Margaret Rowan of Staten Island; her mother Joyce Rowan of Staten Island; nieces Alexandra, Melissa, Samantha, and Andrea; nephews James, Liam, Stephen, Daniel, and Connor; and many children that she informally adopted along the way.

Calling hours will be Friday, September 17th, from 5 to 8 pm at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus. A funeral service will be held Saturday, September 18th, at 2 pm at Grace Episcopal Church, 110 Oswego St., Baldwinsville.

A memorial service will be held on Staten Island at a later date.

The family would like to thank the amazing medical staff at Hematology Oncology Associates of CNY and St. Joseph's Hospital, for their unending kindness and care during this time.

Contributions may be made to PEACE, Inc., 217 South Salina Street, 2nd Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202 or online at <https://peace.charityproud.org/Donate>

Please sign her guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **17**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
info@bushfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

SEP **18**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Episcopal Church  
110 Oswego St  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027  
(315) 635-3214  
office@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org  
<https://graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org/>

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Barbara Rowan Allen

*OMG! Jack, Heather and Kelsey!! It's nearly a year and I just found out a couple of hours ago (8-15-22) that my very dear friend Barbara has passed away. I share in your pain and grief. The loss of your beloved wife Jack; your very dear mother, Heather and Kelsey; and my dearest friend Barbara.*

*Barbara was a bridesmaid in my wedding party almost 40 years ago. When she married Jack Allen I was a bridesmaid in her wedding party. We worked together in the Staten Island Hospital Nursery for years. She has corresponded with me for all these years mostly via handwritten letters. How she loved to write! I will look up all the letters to see what she wrote about all of you. She was so proud of her family. If you'd like I will share her comments. I will also look up the pictures that I have of her to share also.*

*Jack remember the time we slept over your house one night when we were on our way home from Niagara Falls? We treated all of you to a nice dinner at a steakhouse to thank you for your hospitality. It was a really good time for us. So good to see and spend time with Barbara and her family. It was the last time... I believe it was 1998. With us living in Staten Island and you in Baldwinsville, it wasn't easy to get together. Then we moved to Maine. I invited her many times to come visit us here in Maine. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be. It's just unbelievable how fast time flies. Here it is, almost a year has gone by since her death. 💔💔💔💔*

*She was truly a beautiful woman both inside and out. I'm relieved that she didn't suffer over a prolonged time. I will send a handwritten card of condolences to you Jack and include email and telephone numbers. Hopefully you will give me a phone call so that we can share a bit more of our memories of her life.*

*You have our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies. May your love for her and the memories deep in your hearts comfort you. May God bless her, and may He have mercy on her soul.*

*With our love,  
Kathy & Jackie Perrine.*

**Kathy Perrine** - August 16, 2022 at 01:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



September 17, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Janice Hogan purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



**Janice Hogan** - September 17, 2021 at 12:15 AM



“ *Mary Ann, Ross and Arlo Elakman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



**Mary Ann, Ross and Arlo Elakman** - September 16, 2021 at 11:28 PM



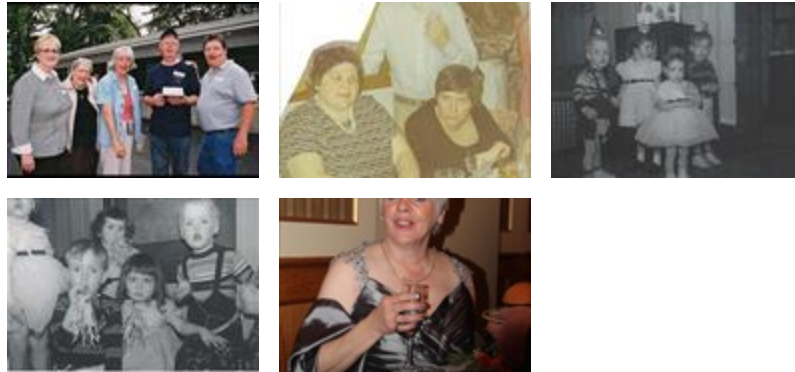
“ *Karen and Kevin Coker purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



**Karen and Kevin Coker** - September 15, 2021 at 12:33 PM

KK

“ 5 files added to the album Barbara Allen



karen Kosky - September 15, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Barbara R. Allen.



September 15, 2021 at 07:41 AM

KT

“ *The Allens are like family to me and Barb was always like a second mother. She was so wise and always had good advice to give, but she also had a great sense of humor and I so appreciated her random silliness. She will be greatly missed. Sending all my love to Heather, Kelsey, and Jack at this difficult time. Love always <3 Kate Tomlin (and Chris and Charlotte)*

Kate Tomlin - September 14, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



September 14, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Infinite Love was purchased for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



September 14, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Sending love to the family. .i will never forget. My friend. All her. Lovely letters. I have. .she. Was so sweet. And kind. Thank. God. For allowing. Her to be a part of my. Life. Absence from here prsence. With the lord. I see u again. Rest on. In jesus*



**Wanda jackson from caif.** - September 14, 2021 at 09:48 AM



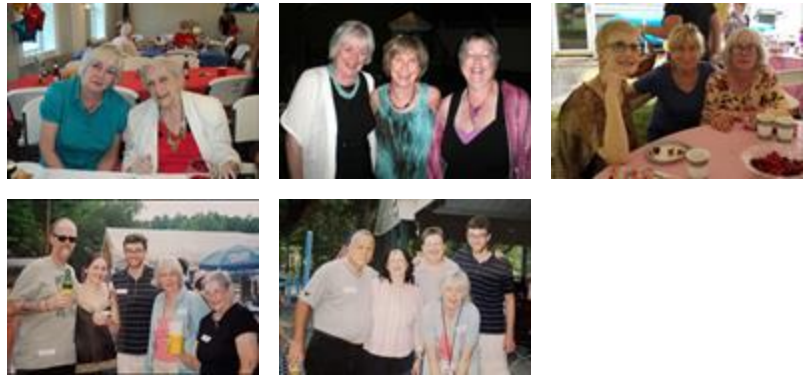
“ *Bob Heym purchased the Peaceful White Lilies B asket for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



**Bob Heym** - September 14, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Gregory and Pauline Culley - September 14, 2021 at 01:49 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara R. Allen.



September 14, 2021 at 12:46 AM

GC

“ *Barbara was like a big sister to me. I loved getting letters from her, they were like short novels. We had a lot of fun together. She was a great cousin, a wonderful friend and beautiful person. She will be sorely missed. Gregg*

*Our condolences to Jack, Heather and Kelsey, and all Barbara's family and friends. We wish we could be their with you. Know that you are always in our prayers. May her memory be eternal. Rest peacefully Barbara. We love you always, Gregg and Pauline*



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**Gregory and Pauline Culley** - September 13, 2021 at 11:53 PM

AH

“ *You were always so easy to talk to. Always had the best advice. I'm going to miss you so much. Love you so much. You were such a great friend*

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**Annette Henke** - September 13, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



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September 13, 2021 at 07:11 PM

AK

“ *Ann & Paul Kendrick; Frank Kendrick purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



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**Ann & Paul Kendrick; Frank Kendrick** - September 13, 2021 at 05:25 PM

SH

“ *Sean Hanly lit a candle in memory of Barbara R. Allen*



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**Sean Hanly** - September 13, 2021 at 04:52 PM

WM

“ *We love you, Meg, Liam & Melissa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*

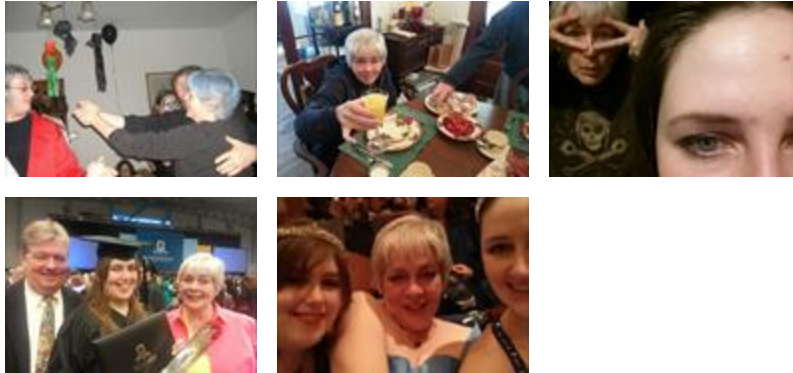


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**We love you, Meg, Liam & Melissa** - September 13, 2021 at 04:43 PM

H.

“ 14 files added to the album *Barbara Allen*



**h.allen** - September 13, 2021 at 04:35 PM

IM

“ *I will always love you, Mom purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



**I will always love you, Mom** - September 13, 2021 at 04:26 PM

SN

“ *Sean Kevin Alex Piper James Katie & Nate purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara R. Allen.*



**Sean Kevin Alex Piper James Katie & Nate** - September 13, 2021 at 04:00 PM

H.

“ 11 files added to the album *Barbara Allen*



h.allen - September 13, 2021 at 02:46 PM

JR

“ *I was proud of my daughter Barbara and her nursing career. She was Head Nurse over seven nurseries over at Staten Hospital. She also taught prepared ChildBirth classes among other things.*

joyce rowan - September 13, 2021 at 01:48 PM

JR

*She was a beautiful. I will always miss her*

joyce rowan - September 13, 2021 at 01:49 PM

JR

“ *Joyce Rowan lit a candle in memory of Barbara R. Allen*



joyce rowan - September 13, 2021 at 01:44 PM

LB

“ Love, Monty and Barb purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara R. Allen.



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**Love, Monty and Barb** - September 13, 2021 at 01:12 PM

MK

“ I am deeply saddened by Barb's passing. She was a long-time neighbor and friend. We would often shovel snow together on opposite sides of the street often speculating how much more we'd get before nightfall or how quickly the plow would clog the driveway. She was always cheerful and friendly and I'll miss that.

*My deepest sympathy to Jack and her daughters Heather and Kelsey. The gloom at the top of Oswego Street hill is a bit lessened by this fond memory of her.*

*Michael Kester*

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**Michael Kester** - September 12, 2021 at 05:06 PM

CH

“ Chris Hanly purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Barbara R. Allen.



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**Chris Hanly** - September 12, 2021 at 04:19 PM

MR

“ *Margaret (Meg) Rowan lit a candle in memory of Barbara R. Allen*



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**Margaret (Meg) Rowan** - September 12, 2021 at 02:15 PM

JA

“ Words simply cannot express the sorrow I experienced when I learned about the passing of "Saint Babs". Never in my life have I met a family more interesting, more inviting, more welcoming than the Allen family, and at the heart was Barbara. I was a young man, in the later years of college (when I met Heather) and earlier years of starting out on my own (when I worked with Jack) and one moment stands out in my mind to this day regarding Barbara. The week I graduated firefighting school. At the time I did not have a lot of friends or family in the area. It was a milestone in my life that would have gone uncelebrated had it not been for the kind heart of Barbara. To this day I remember the cake that arrived at the office that week.

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*noun*

**INFORMAL**

*a very virtuous, kind, or patient person.*

*You will be missed "Saint Babs of Baldwinsville", I thank you for your kindness you gave to me. My heart and prayers go with Jack, Heather, Kelsey and the rest of the extended family as they grieve through this loss.*

*With my most sincere regards,  
Lt. Jozsef "Joe" Asztalos, NYS FF/EMT, NSFD-0042*

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**Joe Asztalos** - September 12, 2021 at 12:08 PM

MR

*I will miss my sister so very much. Her kindness and her love meant everything to me. I have so many funny memories. She was well known for doing her particular brand of imitations and movie quotes:*

*"They're all crazy here. Except for me and you. And sometimes I have me doubts about you!"*

*All said with a cockney accent and the funniest expression on her face. She was very funny.*

*So many stories have become great memories.*

*I will miss her a lot.*

*My heart goes out to Jack, Heather and Kelsey for their loss.*

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**Margaret (Meg) Rowan** - September 12, 2021 at 02:14 PM

MR

*My mother picked a periwinkle candle for her daughter. She remembered at my wedding the beautiful periwinkle colored dress she wore as my matron of honor. She said she always remembered how beautiful she looked that day and in that color.*

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**margaret (meg) rowan** - September 13, 2021 at 01:52 PM