



## Barbara Bullock Gates

February 28, 2018

Barbara Audrey Gates of Skaneateles died peacefully on February 28th . Barbara was born in Yonkers, NY to the late Adeline Phillips and Edwin Bullock and grew up on Long Island, NY. Barbara loved the ocean and, in fact, she met her husband of 62 years, Donald Gates, at the beach. Don and Barb moved to Skaneateles in 1964, where they raised their four children. Barbara was an antique enthusiast and enjoyed travel. Barbara returned to school and earned her degree in nursing from Auburn Community College in May of 1976. She was employed at Community General Hospital from 1977 through 1986. Barbara was also active in the 2nd Baptist Church in Auburn, NY and was employed in the church office for many years. She enjoyed Skaneateles and would never tire of the lake; however, Barbara and Don would frequently escape the harsh Central New York winters for respite on Singer Island, FL.

Barbara is survived by her husband Donald and their four children; Cindy, Eric, Dennis & Chris....as well as seven grandchildren; Lauren Carmeli, Jennifer, Christopher, Oliver, Samantha & Joe Gates and Talia Kenville.

Barbara was the loving sister of Ted and Jack Bullock, both predeceased and she was also predeceased by Susan Sullivan Gates and Adam Carmeli her grandson.

All the Gates family are appreciative of the great care Barbara received at

Iroquois Nursing Home.

The family will welcome those who'd like to pay their respects to Barbara from 11 am - 12 pm Saturday at the Burrows Chapel in Lakeview Cemetery, Skaneateles before a private service. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made in Barbara's memory to Iroquois Nursing Home or the Alzheimer's Association, CNY Chapter.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lake View Cemetery  
89 West Genesee St.  
Skaneateles, NY 13152  
(315) 685-3440

<https://www.villageofskaneateles.gov/bc-cemetery/page/lake-view-cemetery>

## flowers need to be delivered by 10am saturday

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ Dear Eric and family:

*So sorry to hear about your mother. She was such a sweet lady. Always gracious and welcoming. I last saw her and your father at a wedding in Skaneateles, many years ago. They were having a wonderful time and that is how I will choose to remember her. It is so hard to watch our parents age, and even harder to let them go. I feel your pain.*

*May happy memories of the fun times you shared bring you comfort.*

*Cammie (DePaull) Duffy  
(Ellicott City, MD)*

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**Cammie DePaull Duffy** - March 16, 2018 at 03:54 PM

CL

“ For Eric and family, my condolences for your loss. All these years later I remember the kindness your Mom extended when visiting as a young child. Peace, Chris

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**Chris Legg** - March 05, 2018 at 06:38 PM

SF

“ I extend my sympathy to Don and the family of Barb. We met back in the early 70's while each taking a course at Auburn Community College. She planning to go into nursing and I thinking of making a career change. I met Barb and Don again later at church and I have tried to keep in touch but moving away and Barb no longer in touch by email made it hard. She had a wonderful personality and a great smile that was infectious. I am happy to have known her.

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**Seward Ford** - March 04, 2018 at 11:32 AM

DV

“ *From Don Varno: I remember this sweet woman in her garden so often, and one day she was visited by one of Byrne's gentle bulls who had meandered out of his pen....well he came up behind Barb and gave her quite a nuzzle from behind! Fernando fell in love. :)*



*From Carolyn Varno: Barb was always interested in my work with the State Dept, and when we hosted a group of leading Egyptologists from Egypt's primary ancient sites, she and Don (Gates) joined us for a cookout. We were proud to introduce them to these dignitaries. And then Barb accompanied me to Syracuse for a presentation by the group before a packed audience. She appreciated as much as I did. I remember when we first moved in as their neighbors, she invited me over and we sat in her lovely sitting room and she showed me some of her family heirlooms and writings that she meant so much to her. Safe journey, Barb.*

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**don varno** - March 04, 2018 at 11:30 AM

BP

“ I will always remember Barb's giggle. It seems like she was always happy and smiling. My parents lived next store for many years after Cindy and I graduated from SCS and found our own way outside of Skaneateles. In later years Barb was the one my Mom called if she was worried about my Dad in his declining years. It was more than a convenience to have Barb's nursing skills, it was a comfort to know that a good friend was right next door. Barb and Peg shared leftover meals back and forth across the yard. It seems both women never learned to cook for just two after the kids were grown. After my Dad passed and Mom moved, my brother Donny took over what we called "Vern's Ranch" . Don and Barb were such good neighbors! My personal memory of Barb is her joyful greetings as I always brought my kids over to trick or treat each year. She was so very welcoming and always had a smile. She made everyone comfortable and her joy spread wherever she went with whomever she saw.

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**Barbara Varro Palmer** - March 02, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Barbara Bullock Gates.



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March 02, 2018 at 04:57 PM

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“ *With deepest sympathy, Roanoke purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Barbara Bullock Gates.*



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**With deepest sympathy, Roanoke** - March 02, 2018 at 01:03 PM