



Barbara Banner Colopy

April 17, 1928 - June 2, 2013

Barbara L. Banner Colopy, 85, of Simsbury, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at her home. She was the beloved wife of the late James L. Colopy. Barbara was born in 1928 in New Britain, CT to the late Clarence H. and Gladys M. Hale Banner. Barbara graduated from New Britain High School and went on to earn her Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education from the University of Connecticut where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Barbara taught school for a few years before starting her family and she and Jim lived in many different places in New England and New York as his career progressed, finally settling in Simsbury, CT where they spent the rest of their lives. She easily made friends wherever she went and volunteered countless hours with many churches and non-profit organizations such as Child & Family Services where she was the treasurer of the Simsbury Auxiliary's Thrift Shop for many years. She enjoyed discussing politics, had a keen interest in environmental issues and loved animals. She contributed to many environmental organizations to help keep our earth strong and wildlife safe. Barbara was a kind and loving wife, mother and friend. Barbara lost her beloved husband in a tragic car accident many years ago but showed tremendous poise and determination to live a full life going forward. She handled her personal finances like a pro and spent many happy years vacationing at her home on Cape Cod.

She is survived by her 4 children and their spouses Robert and Gia Colopy of

Newington, CT; Helen and Jeffrey Williams of West Hartford, CT, Michael and Janet Colopy of Germantown, MD and Elizabeth and Kenneth Sengstacken of Simsbury, CT. Also survived by 7 grandchildren Alex Williams; Griffin, Mia and Paris Colopy; Hannah and Sydney Colopy; and Meghan Sengstacken.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, 860 225-6361. Burial will be private at Fairview Cemetery in New Britain, CT. The family would like to thank the staff of McLean Hospice for their kindness, support and loving care. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th Street, NW, PO Box 97180, Washington, DC 20090. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

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“ While we only met Barbara in her later years, we felt we knew a very special woman by the stories told by her loving, caring daughter Liz and the wonderful legacy Barbara left. We both are very sorry for your loss.

David & Carolyn Eisenman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Barbara was a very special lady and I am so glad to have known her when she was at River Ridge. I am sad that she is gone and send all of you my prayers and love.

*In peace,
Ginger*

Ginger Morgan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I have many fond memories of Barbara and Jim at your house in Simsbury and at the Cape. I enjoyed our conversations and laughter through the years.

Tony Blanchard - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Huggs!! :

Beth - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Liz and Kenny, I just want to let you know that I am so sorry for your loss, and that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Regards,
Susan Fundock

Susan Fundock - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Barbara will be sorely missed but certainly never ever forgotten. Besides our many haircut interactions throughout the years I think what I will miss most is watching the most incredible love and devotion between mother and daughter that I have ever witnessed in my lifetime.

Champagne Family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM