



Barbara J. Kernagis

June 10, 1954 - July 21, 2020

Barbara J. Kernagis of Pemberton Borough, formerly of Mount Holly passed away on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly. She was 66. Born in Mount Holly, Barbara was a 1972 graduate of Rancocas Valley Regional High School and attended Trenton State College. She worked at Memorial Hospital of Burlington County as a Unit Secretary and later was an office manager for several area doctors. In spite of battling numerous medical issues, she was always a happy and positive person.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 43 years Al Kernagis and her daughter Brittany Kernagis. She is also survived by her parents Anthony and Mildred Petrillo; 4 siblings: Tony Petrillo, Judi Shipley, Tommy Petrillo, and Linda Egley; and well as many nieces & nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Due to the pandemic, a Memorial Service will be held privately. Contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to the Virtua Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 70260, Philadelphia, PA 19176

Arrangements by the Perinchief Chapels, Mount Holly
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Comments



“ Dear Al, Brittany, Uncle Tony, Aunt Milly, Judy, Tony, Tommy, Linda, and the entire Petrillo and Kernagis family,

Frank, Mark, and my prayers are with you all at this heartbreaking time. Words are truly not enough to express the sadness we feel at the loss of Babs. We have so many loving memories of her. From her radiant smile, her laugh, those twinkling eyes, her heart of gold, and the love she had for others.

I looked up to Babs my whole life. Hers was a life well lived. Always right beside her was Al, the wind beneath her wings! In so many conversations I had with Babs she spoke with such love for Al, and was so proud of him. To us they were the dynamic duo with a beautiful love story. It seems like just yesterday she introduced us to her pride and joy, her beautiful Brittany. She was such a loving and devoted Mom. I also have so many memories of her with her parents Uncle Tony and Aunt Milly. There was such palpable love there, along with a deep respect. It was Babs who always had a great comeback when her Dad made a joke! The two together made everyone smile! Babs' siblings were also her best friends and share an unbreakable bond.

We also got to see how she loved sharing in the lives of her nieces and nephews. As her cousins we were blessed to call her family! Our Dads Tony and George, our Moms Milly and Joan, and the five children in each family share a lifetime of memories. Babs said we were not two families, but one!! You are right Babs, we are!

There are so many memories we have of her kindness. One memory I cherish is of her just getting out of the hospital, and yet she drove to our home during a difficult time for us. She came bearing beautiful purple roses, and gave us the gift of love and support in a hard time. Happy times were shared raising children together, and watching them share special cousin bonds of love and laughter! The times at 18 South Avenue for family reunions, the holidays filled with family fun, and unforgettable joy. She was always there for us in good times and bad. Somehow always making things brighter just by being there.

We draw comfort in knowing she is in the arms of Jesus! In heaven so many family members and friends welcome her with loving arms.

Babs exemplified beauty and grace in its highest form. You, our dear cousin, will be missed and loved forever!

The greatest force in heaven and earth is Love! Love is eternal and never ends. The Bible speaks of Love in 1 Corinthians 13 v 13 "And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is Love."

Babs your legacy is Love! Thank you for sharing your love with us!

With our deepest condolences and love,
Cousins Joanne, Frank and Mark Lettieri.

Psalm 147 v 3" He heals the brokenhearted and binds their wounds."

Joanne Lettieri - July 25, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Kernagis.



July 24, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Kernagis.



July 24, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Babs was always there with a kind word, a big smile and a huge heart. I grew up with my first cousin and always felt she was a kindred spirit. I truly loved her from very early memories of when we were seven or eight years old; ,as girls we would giggle and laugh so frequently when we visited each other between NJ and PA. Life separated us for years at a time but I never felt distant or awkward when we met up again. She was a person that we all could attempt to imitate. She had one of the sweetest dispositions and I have told hundreds of people about just that. She has fought the good fight and has triumphed! May she rest in God’s eternal peace; I will see you in a short while dear Barbara. You will be missed by hundreds.

Maria Kachurak - July 24, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Thank you Maria. I remember that you two were always close

Judi - July 26, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ Positive, pleasant, pretty are good words to describe my/our cousin “Barbara Jean” (What Uncle Lou & Aunt Margaret called her). Loving & lovable lady is better. No doubt, what fueled all the niceness was love. A praying, faith filled believer & lover of God. It was also crystal clear she so very much loves her family. I’d ask “how are you?” I might get a word or maybe a sentence in reply, then she’d be interested in everybody except herself. Amazing. I’d receive her greeting card (always the 1st to arrive) which marked the beginning of the Christmas season. Always such a sweet start to the holidays because it was sent by sweet her. I will remain very impressed. What an inspiration! You Babs, have inspired & challenged me to be better & do better by becoming more like you. I’m grateful for you, our text/phone chats & your life.

Luv, Shirley

Shirley Ann Petrillo - July 26, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to the Kernagis and Petrillo families. Thinking of you
Janice Haines

Janiice Haines - July 24, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ Michelle McCallum and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara J. Kernagis.



Michelle McCallum and families - July 24, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ Heartfelt sympathy to Al and the entire Kernagis family.
Herb Orth



Herbert F Orth - July 24, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Babs' passing. She was a great friend in high school ... overall, a wonderful person. My sincere condolences to the Kernagis and Petrillo families. She will be missed.

BARBARA A BLAIR - July 24, 2020 at 05:16 AM



“ We are so sorry to learn of Babs passing. We send our heartfelt condolences. I have many childhood memories of Babs and Al at birthday parties and holidays. I will always remember her laughing, telling the story of my first birthday ice cream cake sliding off the table because it was so hot. We will miss receiving her thoughtful holiday cards.

Andrew & Christine McPherson and family

Andrew - July 23, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the Petrillo/ Kernagis families. Happy memories of Barb(Babs) from Sacred Heart School and RVRHS class of 1972. Her caring smile and fun loving spirit will be remembered. God bless all,
Kathleen McGinnis Usilton, RN

Kathleen McGinnis Usilton, RN - July 23, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss of Babs. My sincere sympathy to the entire Karnagis and Petrillo families.

Sue McLaughlin - July 23, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ Al and Brittany, we are so sorry to hear of Bab's passing. She was a wonderful person who will be remembered for her positive attitude and cheerful demeanor. May God grant her eternal peace and bring you and the rest of your family comfort. Sue and Bill Meddis

Susan K Meddis - July 23, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ I am heartbroken. Al and family you know how I love you all. May Babs get some rest in peace. My prayers and heartfelt condolences.

Vickie Bush - July 23, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ Al condolences and blessings, sorry for your loss.....

walt - July 23, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ So very sorry to hear this news! Rest in peace Barb so very glad to have known you.

Gary Rand

Gary Rand - July 23, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ Al and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Babs. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace xo

Liz Babula - July 23, 2020 at 06:22 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Kernagis.



July 22, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ Babsy was my childhood bestie and has always held a special part of my heart. I thank God she knew my children; is my daughter Erin's Godmother. A memory...we started babysitting together at age 13 and almost always called the police because we thought we heard someone outside of the house. Six years later, living together in a renovated chicken coop, we once again called the police to save us....guess who answered the call??? Babs incredible husband, Al. God has my friend in the palm of His hand, I have no doubt. Our love and prayers to her family.

Beth Baikey - July 22, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Babs' passing. I can only remember her big smile and what a truly nice person she was. My thoughts for her wonderful parents, husband & daughter and siblings in their sadness for their loss. Linda Wickham Cashan

Linda Cashan - July 22, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara J. Kernagis.



July 22, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Kernagis / Petrillo family on the passing of "Babs". We are so sorry to hear the sad news.

Steve & Becky Masters - July 22, 2020 at 05:22 PM