



Barbara F. Geldbart

December 26, 2025

Barbara Geldbart passed away peacefully on December 26, 2025, at the age of 95. Barbara was an Atlanta native and a 4th generation Atlantan. Barbara attended Atlanta schools and attended and graduated from the University of Georgia where she obtained an elementary education degree. This is where Barbara met many of her lifelong friends including her husband Jack Geldbart who was attending law school. Barbara and Jack were married in 1951. Jack was a captain in the Air Force Judge Advocate Corps at the time and Barbara, and he lived in different places including Japan. They later moved to Atlanta, where Barbara taught 2nd grade and later started a family and she continued to do substitute teaching. In 1962 they built and moved into their home in Buckhead Atlanta. The family spent so many happy years at their family home and have wonderful lifelong memories.

Jack owned a record distributorship business. He and Barbara had great memories of traveling all over the country and meeting so many interesting people in the music and entertainment business. Throughout her life Barbara and Jack were both very active in all facets of the Atlanta community. After her children were raised, Barbara obtained her real estate license and became very active as a residential real estate agent. She continued to renew her real estate license well into her 90s. In 1978 Barbara and Jack purchased a home in Sarasota, Florida and where they began to spend more and more time at their North Lido Beach house surrounded by children and later grandchildren.

By the mid 1980's Sarasota became their primary residence. Both Barbara and Jack became very active in civic and social organizations. Barbara was also active in cultural and educational organizations including the Friends of Selby Library Board for many years and was very active with several Sarasota theaters and the Sarasota Orchestra.

Barbara was a very up person and loved going to art openings, the symphony or anything that was going on. If it was happening, she was there. She could talk and engage with anyone. She loved her grandchildren dearly and they loved her. She kept up with current events, sports and anything that interested her children and grandchildren. She was thrilled having three great grandchildren in the last couple of years. Barbara loved art, painting, gardening and traveling.

Barbara was predeceased by her husband Jack in 1996 and youngest daughter Gina in 2023. She is survived by her daughter Lisa Wells (Peter); daughter Meryl Warner (Garry); son David Geldbart; 7 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; sister Charlotte Falk-Bowen (Grady); brother Gerald Friedman (Sandi); and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services in Atlanta were held in early January for immediate family only. According to her wishes, there will be a Celebration of Life for Barbara in Sarasota, FL on Thursday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m. It will be held in the Jack J. Geldbart Auditorium at Selby Public Library in Sarasota, FL. Please RSVP online (<https://form.jotform.com/261107271836051>) Her only request was for no one to wear black.

For those wishing to make a memorial gift, please feel free to contribute to Friends of the Selby Public Library, 1331 1st Street Sarasota, FL 34236 or your favorite charity.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Selby Public Library
1331 1st St
Sarasota, FL 34236

Tribute Wall

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“ We lived in the same condo and for three years on Monday nights we would meet in our gym. We watched a tv series called “Ali McBeal”. We watched the fluff piece on tv while using the treadmill. We giggled and she shared wonderful stories of her kids. Great memories! 🥹 Joannie Minoff

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