



Barbara Davies Thompson

January 5, 1932 - January 14, 2020

Barbara Davies Thompson of Sarasota Florida passed peacefully at the age of 88 on January 14th, 2020. She was born January 5th, 1932 in Buffalo, New York to Frederick and Elsie Bird Davies.

Barbara attended high school at Withrow High School in Cincinnati, Ohio before resettling to Sarasota, Florida and attending the Ringling College of Art & Design.

Barbara is preceded in death by her uncles Charlie Davies and Porter Bird, her aunts Grace Olga Davies and Lillian Bird, her cousin Lee Plate, and her husband, former City Manager of Sarasota, Kenneth Thompson.

Barbara and Ken lived for many years at their residence on Hillview Drive, raising a family and creating many lasting memories through their gatherings of friends, sailboat outings, and promotion of the arts and the City.

Barbara had many interests and was a longtime patron of the many arts offerings of the city of Sarasota.

In later years Barbara renovated several houses in the Pioneer park neighborhood and was proud of doing a small part to help revitalize the community.

Barbara was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother, and greatly enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura (Jim) DeUnger and son, Ken (Melissa) Thompson, grandchildren Amanda (Robert) Lewis, Alexandra (fiancé Drew) DeUnger, Caroline Thompson and Miles Thompson, and great grandchildren Everett and Clara Lewis.

Barbara's family will be honoring her memory with a visitation at Toale Brothers Chapel, 40 N Orange Ave, Sarasota, Florida on Friday, January 17th from 5pm to 7pm.

A funeral service at the same location on Saturday, January 18th at 11am, reception to follow at her home.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kenneth Thompson scholarship fund for the Ringling College of Art & Design, or the American Cancer Society in Barbara's remembrance.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 955-4171
info@toalebrothers.com
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Seventy years ago two young girls worked together, shared secrets and prayed for a loving husband and children. Barbara lived her dreams and passed on her compassion and caring to those loved ones.*

Even though we were miles apart we continued sharing and I will miss her.

Laura, Kenny, Amanda and Allie, I know after your times of sadness stretch to longer periods, you will have wonderful memories to share.

Ginger Schindler

January 17, 2020

Ginger Schindler - January 17, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Davies Thompson.*



January 15, 2020 at 06:07 PM

NJ

“ I really got to know Barbara through our dogs. Sailor and Wally were special friends, and allowed my little Roxie to join their mini-pack. Of course it helped that Barbara always had special treats for them.. Barbara was one of the kindest, nicest people I have ever known - never one to anger,(although she knew her own mind), she was a true gentle woman. She loved her family and was so proud of their accomplishments. She was fiercely loyal. She was a fighter and never complained. She inspired me to be a better person. Happy Hour will never be the same.

Nancy Jessen - January 15, 2020 at 04:28 PM

AL

Thank you so much for sharing this ❤️ She spoke frequently of her times with everyone at happy hour.

Amanda Lewks - January 16, 2020 at 10:40 AM

BS

“ We will sure miss Barbara and Sailor at the Madfish Grill. R.I.P sweet lady



Barbara and Mike Siebers - January 15, 2020 at 12:05 PM

KT

Thank you so much - what a great picture. She loved her friends at Madfish

Ken Thompson - January 15, 2020 at 03:09 PM