



Elisabeth Nock Bauer

August 11, 1936 - August 10, 2017

A precedent-setting and heralded aerialist headliner with circuses, variety shows, expositions and other staging's in Europe and the United States. Elisabeth died at her Sarasota home on August 10th 2017 a day short of her 81st Birthday. She had been battling lung cancer over the last three years.

Born in Switzerland on August 11, 1936 into a family that owned Circus Nock. She came to the United States in 1954 with Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey alongside her husband Joseph Bauer and her brothers Charles and Eugene Nock. They introduced their stratospheric and original Sway Pole sensation (Nerveless Nocks).

In 1970 The Bauer's joined by their daughter Elizabeth (Zerbini) and son Joseph Dominic Bauer formed their own aerial troupe that featured sway pole feats known as the Fearless Bauer's. Their engagement included a return to Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey for a two year circus tour.

Upon retiring as an active performer, Mrs. Bauer helped her husband in conducting his entertainment productions, booking agency and Circus Maximus.

Elisabeth is survived by her husband Joseph Bauer of 63 years and her aforementioned daughter and son. She is also survived by another daughter

Amanda, a sister Lottie Nock, grandchildren Erika Zerbini, Ambra Bauer, Dominic Bauer and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service will be held at St. Martha Roman Catholic Church on August 22nd 2017 at 1:00 pm in Sarasota, FL.

Arrangements made by Toale Brothers Funeral Homes.

Tribute Wall

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“ *A wondrous woman in a heralded lifetime, Elisabeth was a most loving wife to her husband, Joseph, & their children, Lisi, Joe, Jr., & Mandy. She was a gifted, daring & versatile entertainment artist, one we were fortunate to know & appreciate as a friend for more than a half-century. My wife, Carol, joins in asking God to bless & rest Elisabeth's soul. -- Bill Hall*



William Hall - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM