



Inez Patricia Seeger

November 10, 2022

Inez Patricia Seeger, 89, of Sarasota, Florida, died on November 10, 2022.

Inez was born in Yonkers, NY to the late Lillian and George Barker. After her childhood in Yonkers, Inez won a music scholarship to the prestigious Julliard School of Music in New York City, and graduated with a degree in Vocal. She went on to sing in Radio City Music Hall, in summer stock, and on and off Broadway.

As the story goes, this is where Inez met Kenneth Seeger. Unable to take his eyes off the beautiful redhead on stage at Radio City Music Hall, Kenneth knew he needed to introduce himself. The two fell in love shortly after and were married in July 1957.

Deeply in love and inseparable, they began a life together traveling throughout the world. Their first stop was South America. Ken was working for Exxon and was transferred to Venezuela, and Inez began making a name for herself in Caracas. With her own television show on one of the most popular channels, Radio Caracas Televisión, she brought American musicals and light opera (often translated to Spanish) to the people of Venezuela. She was one of the few foreigners given a contract on TV, and won the equivalent of an Emmy Award for her performances.

Inez and Kenneth's next stop was back to the United States to New Jersey and then Houston. In Houston, Inez sang in the Houston Opera; she often said her greatest thrill was performing with Beverly Sills and Louis Quillico. After Houston, the pair and two children moved to England. Living in London for seven years gave Inez the opportunity to sign in Gilbert and Sullivan's productions. Her favorite performance was singing Lolanthe in Lolanthe and Maria in Princess IDA.

Her final move with Ken was to Sarasota, Florida, where she became involved in the Sarasota Opera as Program Advertising Director and member of the Scholarship Committee. Her passion for singing was combined with her deep religious faith, and she also became a dedicated member of the church choir at St Thomas More Catholic Church.

Singing wasn't the only activity Inez excelled at. She was an incredible woman who loved immersing herself in the culture of every country she visited. While living in England, she became so enthralled with brass rubbings that she became a member of the distinguished "Brass Rubbing Society" and was granted permission to rub many brasses that were not available to the public. But anybody who knew Inez Seeger knew that her favorite country in the world was Italy. She spent many summers there, studying Italian at local universities, as well as courses in cooking and art history. But every country Inez visited became a piece of her heart. She cherished her memories from her travels, and created a home that could only be described as a beautiful, immaculately decorated museum of her incredible life with Kenneth.

Much like her favorite flower the sunflower, Inez was as bright and vibrant as the sun. Her presence could be felt in a room, and her laugh was infectious. She loved being around people and taking care of those she loved. Nothing, not music or her travels, was more important than her family. She was a devoted and loving Mom, Wife, and Nana. Inez is survived by her son, Kevin

Seeger, daughter-in-law, Marie Seeger, daughter, Leila Conners, and son-in-law, Matt Conners. She has four grandchildren, Kevin Seeger, Kyle Seeger, Brent Conners and Morgan Conners; and 6 great-grandchildren, with the 7th due in a few months.

She will be deeply missed, but we know she is back in the arms of her beloved 'Kenny'.

Service will be held on Monday, November 21, at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas More Church, Sarasota, FL. Reception to follow.

Please visit toalebrothers.com to leave a condolence message.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Inez with Stacey at HarborChase.*



Nate Buck - November 22, 2022 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Riposa in pace Inez. I'm so glad Stacey and I met you and always enjoyed our talks at HarborChase.*

Nate Buck - November 22, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Inez Patricia Seeger.*



November 21, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Inez Patricia Seeger.*



November 18, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Inez Patricia Seeger.*



November 18, 2022 at 08:21 PM



“ *Inez was one of a kind! I enjoyed our conversations at Harbor Chase Senior Living. She was a fashionista with a great sense of humor. She called me her Patsy. Rest In Peace Inez* ❤️
Patti Mason

Patti Mason - November 18, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ *Inez was so very lovely...and certainly an important member of the Sarasota Opera Guild, helping in so many ways....May she be at peace.*

Lee Dougherty Ross - November 18, 2022 at 03:52 PM