

Obituary: Barbara B. Quincy, 79

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Barbara B. Quincy

Barbara Bates Quincy died at home on Aug. 13, 2016, at 79 years of age. Born in Roselle Park, N.J., on Dec. 13, 1936, she was preceded in death by her husband Ross R. Quincy in 1988. Barbara is survived by her three children, Lynn Quincy (Silver Spring, Md.); David Quincy (Palo Alto, Calif.); and Mike Quincy (Marlborough, Conn.); as well as seven grandchildren.

Barbara made her home in Wilton since the mid-1960s as a proud stay-at-home mom. Once her youngest was in high school, she became a well-versed wine aficionado at Elmer's Town Line Liquors in Norwalk, and then spent many years as a travel agent for Wilton Center Travel.

Barbara's life-long interest in learning brought her back to college, where she earned her BA in Women's Studies from UCONN in 2010.

But even before that, she took many continuing education classes, including auto repair, Chinese cooking, calligraphy, and dog obedience.

She was a member of the Wilton Presbyterian Church since the mid-70s, serving as a deacon as well as on many committees including the pastor nominating committee. Her involvement in the Wilton community and beyond could practically fill every page of this newspaper. Here's a sample: the Planning and Zoning Commission; League of Women Voters; Southwest Regional Planning Commission; volunteer tutor for special education classes; Parks and Rec; Conservation Commission; volunteer for the Crop Walk; Wilton Tree Committee; Stay at Home in Wilton; school lunch volunteer; blood bank volunteer; and probably lots more.

Her work in the travel business, as well as her unending curiosity about the world, brought Barbara to most states in the U.S. as well as Europe, Egypt, China, Mexico, Canada, Africa, Costa Rica, Cuba, and many, many Club Meds. She was a long-time tennis player, master gardener, and rode her motorcycle well into her 50s. She also learned how to sail, and fly airplanes and gliders.

Stopping by her house you'd usually be greeted by the smell of her fabulous cooking as well as the sounds of Frank Sinatra, especially when her favorite radio icon Jonathon Schwartz spun the records and told stories of the Chairman of the Board. She was also a proud Red Sox (not Yankees) fan.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Aug. 28, 2 p.m., at the Wilton Presbyterian Church, 48 New Canaan Road, Wilton, CT 06897 (203-762-5514) A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Hall.

You are encouraged to wear bright, cheerful colors in keeping with Barbara's sunny outlook on life.

Finally, if you'd like to remember Barbara, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Stay at Home in Wilton, an organization that helps seniors age in place. Barbara was an avid supporter and recent president of Stay at Home, part of the Village to Village movement going on around the country.