



Barbara Pierce

January 21, 1938 - November 1, 2022

Barbara (Hamilton) Pierce, loving wife and mother with a kind heart and a vivacious spirit, age 84 of Sanford, FL, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Born in Philadelphia, PA, she was the daughter of Thomas and Anne (Lipovsky) Hamilton. Barbara graduated from Woodbury High School in 1955 and married the love of her life, John (Jack) Pierce, that same year. They were blessed with three children.

In 1962, she and her family moved to Brazil and served as missionaries amongst the Krikati, an indigenous people group, and later transitioned to ministries at a boarding school for missionary children in Vianopolis, Goias. Over the next 40 years, they took on the role of dorm parents and she as campus hostess, cafeteria cook, and countless other duties. Barbara and Jack returned to the U.S. after serving 50 years abroad and made Sanford, Florida their home.

Barbara will forever be remembered for her generosity and radiant smile that would light up a room. Never at a loss for words, she could strike up hour long conversations with perfect strangers and find common interests with everyone she met. Her home was a welcoming gathering place. No matter what the hour, or number of visitors, there was always room at the table and a fresh pot of coffee and cakes at the ready.

Barbara had a tremendous love for Jesus Christ. Her profound faith never wavered. One of her favorite scripture passages is Psalms 34: 18-20 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. (NIV)

Barbara is survived by her adoring husband of 67 years, her three children, John (spouse Carol), Dawn and Rebecca, 8 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Hamilton.

A Celebration of Life service and reception will be held at 3PM on Saturday December 10th, 2022 in the chapel of The Homes of Ethnos360 located at 108 Mission Blvd, Sanford, Florida 32771.

The family of Barbara Pierce invites you to leave a message of condolence on the tribute wall created in her memory.

Previous Events

Celebration and Reception

DEC **10**. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Homes of Ethnos360
108 Missions Blvd
Sanford, FL 32771

Tribute Wall

CC

“ Dearest Rebecca and family,

I never had the privilege of meeting your beautiful mother yet, her tender obituary helped me understand the love she gave to all. The loss of our loved ones is heavens eternal glory. May the Lord give you peace. Cat Consten

Cat Consten - November 06, 2022 at 06:30 PM

CB

“ John and Carol my sincere prayers are being said to lift you and you family up to God for comfort. Your mother was quite the lady and now I know where your kindness and loving ways were created. Sincerely, Carol Breslin

Carol Breslin - November 05, 2022 at 12:40 PM

SS

“ I cried as I read her obituary, every word was so true. We went through 'boot camp' and language school together. Jack and Babs were a great team and we spent a lot of time together. The Lord blessed us often through their lives. She was always an encouragement and brought our spirits up when times were difficult just by her infectious positive attitude and wonderful laughter. We visited them as soon as we could once visitors were allowed after covid and they hadn't changed a bit. The same loving hospitable team. We loved them, she will be missed.

Shirley Smith - November 05, 2022 at 12:10 PM

PM

“ So blessed to have known Babs since my teen years and to have my husband also share a great friendship with Jack and Babs. So many wonderful memories over the past 60 years!

Patricia Mevoli - November 05, 2022 at 12:04 PM

GF

“ Dear family (and friends)....
Our precious 'Babs' has left our presence temporarily, but not our hearts.
May we remember well the many things she taught us through a loving, accepting life well lived.

George and Suzanne Nicholson and family - November 05, 2022 at 09:55 AM

ML

“ Love you so much Grandma, until we meet again some day. I love you for all eternity.



Michelle Lathrop - November 04, 2022 at 10:47 PM

DL

Thank you, Shellbells. Granny loved you so very much. ❤️

Dawn Leslie - November 05, 2022 at 08:39 AM

DC

“ Babs was definitely one-of-a-kind. She was my dorm mom back in 1975, and a few years later she became my mother-in-law. Babs definitely loved life and loved people. She had such a generous and caring heart, and did whatever she could to make those around her feel loved and accepted. I am sure she is talking to her Savior right now and making sure He is listening and keeping eye contact with her as she talks to Him. Babs, I love you and thank God for you and for all you did on this earth to show His love and your love to others! You will be missed for sure, but only for awhile, until we join you where you are.

Darrell L Canright - November 04, 2022 at 05:20 PM

DA

“ From Delbert and Alice Canright, long-time friends and extended family members... Everything written about Barbara in her Obituary is certainly true and we heartily agree!
Many are the memories of great times with " uncle Jack aka Col. Sanders and aunt Babs... great times of socializing, meals and services at the Mission in Goias.
Heaven gained another precious soul who will be greatly missed.
To Jack, John Jr., Dawn and Rebecca, we send our sincere wishes for the Lord's peace and comfort, now, and in the days ahead.
We love you very much!
Be assured of our continued prayers.

Delbert Canright & Alice - November 04, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ Rebecca Pierce lit a candle in memory of Barbara Pierce



Rebecca Pierce - November 04, 2022 at 02:35 PM