



Barbara Coit

December 6, 1937 - January 28, 2015

Barbara Jo Matzen Coit passed away at William Hill Gardens on January 28, 2015. She was 77.

Barbara was born on December 6, 1937, in Goshen, IN, to the late Clarence and Pauline Matzen. In December of 1973, she married Garry Coit in Lothian, MD. In 1980, Garry and Barbara sailed across the Atlantic aboard their 36 foot cutter "Spirit of Pipit" and called at several ports in Europe and the Mediterranean before sailing back to the U.S. after seven years abroad. In 1987, they moved their residence to Oxford.

Barbara was a member of the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Shore of Maryland.

She is survived by her stepchildren, Elizabeth Coit-Russel of Laurel, Zachary Coit of Sterling, VA, Seth (Pat) Coit of Reston, VA, Nathan (Pat) Coit, from Lafayette, CO, Roger (Kate) Coit of Salida, CO; a sister, Kay Cline of MI; a sister-in-law, Mary Coit of NY; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Garry Coit, and her brother, Bill Matzen.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, from 5-7 p.m. at

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St. in Easton. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 1 p.m. at St. James Parish in Lothian, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Shore of Maryland, PO Box 1724, Easton, MD 21601, or Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

FEB 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. James Parish
5757 Soloman's Island Road
Lothian, MD 20711

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Coit*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Barbara Coit*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Barbara Coit*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Just learned of Barbara's passing. I did not know her well, we had first met at a Landon School for Gary's and my husband, Claxton Walker's reunion. We next connected when my husband and I moved to the Eastern Shore. She was very active in the League of Women Voters, with my cousin, Sheila Lanahan. We would again meet at Sheila's annual party and was such a delightful person. Clackie and Gary suffered from the same dreadful disease, Alzheimers. I miss her. Nancy E. Walker*

Nancy E. Walker - February 18, 2015 at 02:06 PM



“ *Ken Kirby lit a candle in memory of Barbara Coit*



Ken Kirby - February 10, 2015 at 03:11 PM

JB

“ *The members of the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Shore, as well as Barbara's friends in the State League, have lost a dear friend and a tireless worker and lobbyist for the League causes ranging from voting rights, good government and environmental issues to social issues and women's rights.*

Her husband and her family were very important to her and she spoke with pride of accomplishments of family members. A number of us, including Barbara, lost spouses during the same long period and shared grief counseling, dinners, boxes of wine (which Barbara discovered), tears, and memories which, as time went on, helped to lessen the grief and helped to mitigate the sorrow of losing her to a darkness we don't yet understand. Her spirit will continue to inspire us to make changes and fight for a better society.

Best wishes to all of you.

*Janice Bain-Kerr
LWVMS Spokesperson .*

Janice Bain-Kerr - February 10, 2015 at 12:37 PM

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“ *Lamplighter lit a candle in memory of Barbara Coit*



lamplighter - February 08, 2015 at 08:14 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Barbara Coit*



Phil Foster - February 07, 2015 at 11:41 AM