



## Barbara Ann Gates

April 12, 1948 - January 11, 2023

Barbara Ann Gates of Salisbury, MD, passed away on January 11, 2023, at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, MD, after a nearly five month battle with Glioblastoma. She was 74.

Born on April 12, 1948, in Martinsburg, WV, she was the daughter of the late Virgil DeHaven and Dorothy Turner DeHaven. Barbara was an Army brat and spent much of her childhood stationed at a variety of military bases, including several years in Germany.

When she was a student at Cape May Regional High School, she fell in love with her husband, Michael Gates, after he auditioned as a rhythm guitarist for her brother's band, where she was also a singer. On February 20, 1965, she married Michael and music continued to be a special part of their lives.

Barbara always considered her three children to be her greatest accomplishments. She often referred to herself as being incredibly lucky to be a stay-at-home mom/homemaker, where she could continually be available to her three children throughout their school years, and beyond. Barbara was an avid animal lover, who never met a dog she didn't like. Her two year old Boston terrier, "The Outlaw Josey Wales" will no doubt be missing her as much as her family and friends will.

One of Barbara's favorite times of the year was when she volunteered at Compass' Camp New Dawn annual grief camp every August. Barbara signed up to volunteer at camp approximately 12 years ago, after losing her adult son several years prior. She began as an adult buddy, who was assigned to a child, who had also lost a loved one. After several years of being an adult buddy, Barbara took on the responsibility of camp photographer. She was responsible for creating the annual yearbooks over the past twelve years. Some of Barbara's most precious friendships, came from her involvement at camp. Her contagious smile; genuine demeanor; and deep compassion for others, will be greatly missed by her camp family.

Barbara is an Eastern Star, from the Manokin Lodge, # 109 in Princess Anne, MD.

In addition to her husband, Michael Cole Gates, she is survived by two daughters, Rhonda A. Knotts (William) and Bobbi D. Richter (Matthew); three grandchildren, Skyelar Ingram, Joshua Richter, and Matti Richter; and a sister-in-law, Marye Jo Molitoris. She was predeceased by a son, Michael Lee Gates, and a brother-in-law, Clarke Bashelor.

A private memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at Centreville United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to Compass' Camp New Dawn program. Donations can be mailed to Compass, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD, 21617.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann Gates*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Barbara Ann Gates*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Barbara Ann Gates*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Words continue to fail me. I'll miss seeing you each year at camp, Ms. Barbara. It won't be the same without you - the world isn't the same without you. I know you are enjoying the glory of Heaven and probably haven't stopped hugging Mikie yet. That doesn't really ease the pain of everyone still here, though. Rhonda and family (your whole entire amazing family...especially your Dad whom I haven't met yet) - I love you all and will keep you on my heart and in my prayers.*

**Kari Oulahyane** - January 27, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Jerry Sutton lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



**Jerry Sutton** - January 21, 2023 at 06:01 PM

GP

“ *Gina Weston Paul lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



**Gina Weston Paul** - January 21, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JS

“ *Jeff & Malissa Shrieves lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



**Jeff & Malissa Shrieves** - January 18, 2023 at 09:08 AM

BT

“ *Billy & Tonya Thomas lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



**Billy & Tonya Thomas** - January 17, 2023 at 08:24 PM

LM

“ *Liz Meekins lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



**Liz Meekins** - January 17, 2023 at 11:02 AM

CT

“ Please know we are praying for you all and for God to grant you strength, peace and rest in the days ahead. Much love and big hugs of support to you all. May treasured memories of your sweet Mom, and the great love you have for one another uphold you at this difficult time. Colleen & Buddy Thomas



Colleen Thomas - January 17, 2023 at 10:38 AM

TR

“ Tammy L Rigoli lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates



Tammy L Rigoli - January 17, 2023 at 10:07 AM

LF

“ Larry Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates



Larry Faulkner - January 17, 2023 at 09:26 AM

CW

“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Ann Gates



Centreville Methodist Women - January 17, 2023 at 09:03 AM

CW

*Rhonda: We are here for you if you need us at any time. God Bless and prayers. Centreville Methodist Women*

**Centreville Methodist Women** - January 17, 2023 at 09:03 AM

KO

“ *Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



**Kristi Osborn** - January 17, 2023 at 08:48 AM

PD

“ *My Condolences and Prayer's are with the entire family.*



**Phil Davidson** - January 17, 2023 at 08:20 AM

RK

“ *Rachel Kellenbenz lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



**Rachel Kellenbenz** - January 16, 2023 at 10:24 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Barbara Ann Gates



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - January 16, 2023 at 08:33 PM

LP

*Rhonda and family: Our many prayers and blessings are with you at this time during the loss of your mother. May God give you the strength and love to get through this difficult time. Hold onto the wonderful memories and they will always remain in our hearts. Prayers and blessings. God Bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

Lynda Palmatary - January 17, 2023 at 09:02 AM

AK

“ Amanda Kiel lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates



Amanda Kiel - January 16, 2023 at 08:03 PM

AG

“ Annie Gardner lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates



Annie Gardner - January 16, 2023 at 07:36 PM

RC

“ *Ms Barbara lit up Camp New Dawn when she came in with her sweet smile and helpful heart. She will truly be missed by many. Love and prayers of comfort and peace to Rhonda and the family.*  
Regina



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**Regina Crossley** - January 16, 2023 at 04:46 PM

JA

“ *My dear Barb- I will miss you more than words can express. I met you in 2012 and now, I feel like I have known you for a life long. You were so lovable, kind, and compassionate! My deepest sympathy and comforting thoughts are with your boyfriend, Mike, your daughters, grandchildren, and all those other family members that lovingly called you Mimi. I will always love you, Barb. Save me a place in heaven- we will meet up again!!* 💕💕

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**Jane Anthony** - January 16, 2023 at 04:17 PM

DJ

“ *Dawn Jones lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



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**Dawn Jones** - January 16, 2023 at 03:49 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



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**JoAnn & Royden Powell** - January 16, 2023 at 03:36 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Gates*



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**Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell** - January 16, 2023 at 03:32 PM