



Barbara Thompson Lewis

August 9, 1947 - January 26, 2015

Barbara Jane Thompson Lewis died Monday, January 26, 2015, in the Palliative Care Unit of the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton, MD, after a valiant and hard battle with ovarian cancer.

Barbara was born on August 9, 1947, the younger of the two children of George H. Thompson and Mabel C. Thompson of Easton, MD. As a life-long resident of Easton, Barbara attended public schools in Easton, graduating from Easton High School in 1965. She continued her education at Salisbury State University for one year and then left to marry Rodney Lewis of Easton on April 15, 1966.

Barbara became a mother in 1967 and acted as a single parent while Rodney served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Upon his return, Barbara worked as a nursery school teacher and an elder care provider until she and Rodney opened a successful seafood business and restaurant, Treasures from the Deep. Barbara's prowess as a chef and baker soon won her acclaim among her many customers. She was best known for cream of crab soup, potato rolls, white potato pie, and especially her apple dumplings. Sysco Foods even worked with Barbara to commercialize her apple dumplings as Chef Pierre's apple dumplings.

When the decision was made to close the restaurant, Barbara returned to

Salisbury State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in history and a magisterial degree in sociology. With the newly minted degrees, in October 2000, a new chapter in Barbara's life began when she joined Westat, a professional service corporation conducting social science research, statistical analysis, and evidence-based communications. Barbara was initially located at Westat offices in Chestertown, MD, but after two years that office was consolidated with the offices in Rockville, MD, and Barbara's daily commute between Easton and Rockville, MD, began. Those many trips across the "bridge" continued for eleven years until she became consumed with ovarian cancer.

Barbara is survived by the loves of her life, her son, Roger William Lewis, owner and operator of Monkeyboy Studios in Easton, MD, and professional drummer; her two grandchildren, Livia Jayne Lewis, nine years old, and Liam Thompson Lewis, seven years old. She is also survived by her older sister, Carolyn Thoroughgood; her niece, Kathryn Thoroughgood; and her great niece, Kate Melone of Greenville, DE.

Her memorial service will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 South Harrison Street, Easton, MD, on February 7, 2015, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Lewis Grandchildren Fund, c/o The Talbot Bank, 8275 Elliott Road, Easton, MD 21601.

Barbara will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. If we are to make sense of what is really incomprehensible at her passing, we should all keep Barbara alive in our lives—we should learn from Barbara's light that glittered so brightly; we should have the courage to let our lights shine in this world as hers did and to never hold back.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Thompson Lewis*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Barbara Thompson Lewis*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Barbara Thompson Lewis*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Roger, I would like to express my most sincere condolences for the passing of your mother. As you may recall my first wife, Margaret and I, were former members of the First Wesleyan Church in Easton where we first met your parents. I have fond memories of your mother including when she brought you to our home and I gave you a few drum lessons as a young boy. Remember, your Mom is now sitting at the right hand of her heavenly father and we pray that the Lord Bless and comfort you and your family in your hour of need.*

Sonny Chiofolo - February 04, 2015 at 11:04 AM



“ *Roger, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We didn't really know your mom but if you are anything like her we know she was a wonderful woman. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Rosy and Glenn Ball & Family*

Rosy Ball - February 02, 2015 at 10:02 AM

Susan
Anders

“ *What a beautiful woman! She taught me so much at the restaurant, about cooking, baking, and most importantly, about how to have a sense of humor when things go wrong. She was like a second mother to me and I will miss her dearly! I still make all of the recipes that I cooked at the restaurant all those years ago. And each time I do, I think of her. Rest in peace, lady! You were a class act!! <3*

Susan Anders - February 01, 2015 at 11:54 AM



“ *Benjamin Meintzer lit a candle in memory of Barbara Thompson Lewis*



Benjamin Meintzer - February 01, 2015 at 11:52 AM

LM

“ *Dears Carolyn and Kathy, I only know Barbara through your family. Kevin joins me in sharing your sorrow. I recall with gratitude all the ways you opened your home and hearts to me in my U of D days. You come to mind more often than you know, and especially in this season of loss.*

Lou Ann (Schwarten) McCaughey - February 01, 2015 at 11:51 AM

SB

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. I know she was totally devoted to her family. The family is in my thoughts.
Sara Bishoff and family*

Sara Bishoff - January 31, 2015 at 02:42 PM

PF

“ I was so sorry to learn of Barbara's passing. We were in the same class in high school and had a wonderful time catching up at the last class reunion. We will all miss seeing her at the 50th this year. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.



Philip Carey Foster - January 31, 2015 at 11:47 AM

SS

“ Roger, you may not recall memories of us, but we were your parents Pastoral family at Easton First Wesleyan in the late 70's early 80's. You were young. We send our sincere sympathy with our prayers for you and your family in this great loss of your beloved Mother Barbara! She gathered help to get my car out of the ditch I backed in once at the seafood restaurant!!
Paul and Sally Sheets

Sally Sheets - January 31, 2015 at 10:40 AM

TT

“ Cousin Barbara, May you rest in the arms of the Lord, free from all pain and fear, forever a child of the King. We will miss you but will catch glimpses of you here whenever we see your beautiful grandchildren and their daddy. With much love and prayers to Roger, Livia, and Liam...love, Teri and GP Taylor

Teri Taylor - January 31, 2015 at 02:04 AM

EL

“ Barbara.....you will always have those palm trees, forever in paradise....I know you will be greatly missed...my prayers and thoughts go out to your family....aloha Elaine

Elaine - January 30, 2015 at 08:56 PM

SM

“ *Steven Mccarty lit a candle in memory of Barbara Thompson Lewis*



steven mccarty - January 30, 2015 at 03:53 PM

CS

“ *Barbara was such a wonderful grandmother to her grandchildren. My prayers go out to her family and friends.*
Cindy Snapp

cindy snapp - January 30, 2015 at 09:44 AM

CR

“ *My condolences to her family. Barbara was a lovely lady and a dear friend. My life is richer for having known her.*

Cynthia Robins - January 28, 2015 at 07:39 PM

BW

“ *Bill & Ruth Worm lit a candle in memory of Barbara Thompson Lewis*



Bill & Ruth Worm - January 28, 2015 at 10:36 AM