



Barbara Ziegler Commerce

August 1, 1945 - November 8, 2023

Barbara Ziegler Commerce (Sandmann) of Bonita Springs, Florida (formerly of: Lancaster, PA, Grand Island, NE) died on November 8, 2023 after a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband: Robert E. Commerce, her sons and their spouses: Stephen (Norma) Ziegler and William (Elizabeth) Ziegler II, and step-children Ryan (Nancy) Commerce and Whitney (Bo) Beard. As well as her siblings Nancy (George) Hammond, and her brother Michael (Ann) Sandmann. In addition, her nieces: Debbie Hammond and Julie Hoff and nephews: Jeff Hammond, Chris Sandmann, and Scott Sandmann. She was preceded in death by her first husband, William F. Ziegler, her son Michael Ziegler and her brother Phillip Sandmann. Barbara was a devoted mother and loving grandmother to her 8 grandchildren.

Barbara is the daughter of the late Fred and Mabel Sandmann, born in Rockville Center, NY. After moving to Lancaster during her childhood, she graduated from Manheim Township HS, followed by a degree from Shippensburg University.

Upon graduation, Barbara entered her chosen profession of elementary education. After her children grew older, she started her own business in paperhanging with Nancy Hadfield, known as the Paper Mates. Their

craftsmanship graced many homes and businesses in the Lancaster area for over a decade. Throughout her life she was known to many to be a great friend, neighborhood walking partner and a fun-loving Bridge teammate.

After moving to Florida, she enjoyed her time as a member of Vasari C.C., as well as hosting family, spending time with her siblings and working on her crossword puzzles by her lanai.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, 62 Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. A Celebration of Life gathering will follow the service at the Barn at Stoner Commons, 605 Granite Run Road, Lancaster, PA.

She will be forever missed by her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vasari Cares Foundation <https://www.vasari-cares.org>

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery

62 Valley Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Lancaster, PA 17601

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Barb, it pains me to read of your passing a year after... It was a blessing to know you and your hubby.. Thank you for all the kind words and support you gave me as a young single mother... My condolences to your family... Rest in peace Barb, I'm going to have your favorite drink from here on out* ❤️

Mikayla Nelson - April 10, 2025 at 07:39 AM

SB

“*Dear Steven, Billy, Bob, and families -*

My brother and I have such fond memories of your wonderful mother! She was an integral part of our upbringing. The friendship our parents had together was inspiring and it brings me comfort knowing they are all together again. So sad to hear of her passing. I'm glad I got to spend some time with her in Florida while Diane was doing her snowbird thing there. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her!

*Love,
Sara Beth and John Douglas Brownell*

Sara Brownell - November 22, 2023 at 08:11 PM

CA

“*I'm so sad to hear of Barb's passing. I sure will miss her smile. She was just a genuinely sweet lady. Prayers and hugs to Bob and family.*

Cathy (nurse)

Cathy - November 14, 2023 at 12:21 PM

BS

“ *Bob ,Mike, Ryan and families,*

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Barb. I always enjoyed her company. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Barry Solodky

Barry Solodky - November 13, 2023 at 08:38 AM

HC

“ *My dear Steven, Billy and families,*

I was so very saddened to hear of your beloved mother's passing!! As you know, Barb, Gail Stender, Debbie Yeagley and I were in an evening bridge group that met for over 30 years twice a month. We had such a special bond between us after all those years. When one was the hostess, they prepared the appetizers and drinks!! We always had a few drinks. I made sure to have the limes ready for the vodka and gin and tonics! We went on quite a few girls trips through the years, all of which also involved some shopping!! We also had several pool parties at our house and shared many dinners. Barb came one time with a delicious hot chocolate sauce to serve with ice cream. It was delicious!! It has become a staple that I keep in my fridge and serve to my two grandsons and other guests. Each time I serve it, I'll say, "This is Ziegler 's sauce !" So please rest assured, your beloved mom and my dear friend, will be remembered as long as I am able to make that sauce! And my daughter now makes it as well. She will be fondly remembered for a very long time!!!

We shared all our happy and sad family news. We were there for her when she lost her beloved Michael and Bill. Both were very devastating events for her.

I loved her. She was such a kind, caring, and beautiful person. My heart is with you all as you mourn her loss. But I also know you will celebrate the wonderful person she was!! Heidi Cohen

heidi cohen - November 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM

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“ Unfortunately, I did not have enough time with Barb! Only met her about 10 years ago in Naples. Always a smile on her face and great conversation!! Will not be able to watch another game show and know she would have had the answer right!! Sweet and kind!! You will leave a void in my life, but never in my heart!! 💕💕❤️🙏🏻



Tracy Hirt - November 11, 2023 at 09:29 PM

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Bob is heading up there on Thursday!! She is loved and treasured in Naples. Missing my friend. You are missed!! 😘🙏🏻

Tracy Hirt - December 04, 2023 at 10:26 PM

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Tracy Hirt - February 28, 2024 at 12:49 AM