



Barbara Estelle Nickolich

November 19, 1926 - February 9, 2019

Barbara Nickolich (11/19/1926 - 2/9/2019) died peacefully in Charlotte, North Carolina on February 9, 2019. Barbara was predeceased by her parents, Thomas L. Nickolich and Julia (Barbaric) Nickolich, as well as her nephew, Tommy E. Nickolich.

Barbara was born in Fairmont, West Virginia. After graduating from Fairmont Senior High School in 1944, she worked for 11 years at Armour and Company so that she could attend Wheaton College where she graduated in 1959 with a BA in speech. After graduate work at Northwestern University, she taught speech and theatre at St. Charles High School and Wheaton College in Illinois. She spent most of her adult life in New York City where she got her PhD in theater at New York University and where she taught at York College.

Barbara truly loved New York for all it had to offer culturally and soon became a real New Yorker with a tinge of West Virginia in her voice when she became tired.

Barbara was a gifted teacher and theater director. Her productions of theater classics at York College were amazing. It was marvelous to see the high caliber of performance she was able to produce, often with students whose native language wasn't English.

Especially highly acclaimed was her original annual production of 'Callalou', in which students performed renditions of music and literature from their very diverse multi-cultural heritages. She was an active and creative chairman of the department of fine arts at York College until her retirement at the age of 82.

Barbara is survived by her brother, Thomas L. Nickolich, Jr. (Suzie) of Fairmont, WV; nieces, Mary Beth Nickolich of New Bern, NC and Martha Polizzi (Jim) of Weddington, NC; great niece and nephew, Maria Polizzi of Raleigh, NC and Zachary Polizzi of Menlo Park, CA, as well as many cousins. She was a loving sister, aunt, great aunt and friend to many. She took great joy and pride in the lives of her nephew, nieces, great niece and great nephew. Besides being missed by her family she will be missed by her many students and colleagues she inspired.

Per her wishes, her cremains will be buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Fairmont, WV. A family graveside service will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brookdale Weddington Park Assisted Living, Pietro Rondinelli at Ortho Carolina, Dr. M.R. Bolouri and his staff at the Alzheimer's Memory Care Center and Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region for their

compassionate and loving care.

Simply Cremations of Charlotte is serving the family.

Comments



“ Hey Barbara, I still remember all those visits at Christmas I'd say hey Barbara You want some Soup, Cabbage Roll's and Nut Bread, you always enjoyed it so much reminded you of your Mom and Aunts and all that good Hungarian food they used to make! I sure have missed you not coming around the last few years but I haven't cooked much the last 2 years, Know Tommy misses the Nut Bread so do I Sure glad that Tommy and Suzie brought you to see us all those years really enjoyed your visits! , Go Rest High on that Mountain R.I.P.
Love you Cuz
Joey

Joey Jones - February 16, 2019 at 06:17 AM



“ Joey Jones lit a candle in memory of Barbara Estelle Nickolich



Joey Jones - February 16, 2019 at 05:52 AM



“ Being of Serbian heritage, Barbara, with her brother Tom and his wife, Suzie, shared our friendship with many warm and fun-loving dinners during the holiday seasons. We always looked forward to the Nickolich family visiting and recalling happy times on the Adriatic Sea in Montenegro. Barbara's New York background aroused a curiosity among our young nieces and nephews, who genuinely enjoyed hearing of her experiences in the theater. We shall miss her, but our love for her and her family will always remain in our hearts.
Niko and Rose Ilich

Rose Ilich - February 15, 2019 at 11:56 AM