



Barbara Grace Ford Miller

April 10, 1927 - July 21, 2022

Barbara Grace Ford Miller passed away on July 21st 2022 at Westminster Continuous Care Community in Saint Augustine Florida. Barbara was born to Henry Barton Ford and Grace Elizabeth Mathews Ford in Butler Pennsylvania on April 10, 1927. Her parents moved to Pennsylvania from Battle Creek, Michigan for her father's work when he graduated from high school. During the depression they returned to Battle Creek where they had extended family. Her father "Bart" Ford was the oldest of four boys, her mother Grace was the youngest of four girls, all living in the Battle Creek area. Barbara grew up with her adored younger brother Tom among a loving family of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Despite the many challenges of the depression years, she always remembered the holidays, gatherings, love, and support of those close family ties.

Barbara graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1945. She attended Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio for one year, returning to Battle Creek to work as a bank teller. In 1951 she married Roger Brooks Miller while he was on leave from the army. They bought their first home in Battle Creek when Roger completed his degree in engineering from Michigan State and went to work for Post Cereal. They had three children: Betsy (1954), Mike (1955) and Mark (1956). Roger's work with Post Cereal and then General Foods took them around the United States and Barbara happily created a home and made good friends with each move. Barbara loved family,

fun times, stories of the past and keeping up family connections. She was the family historian and keeper of all things sentimental. She made beautiful needlepoint pillows, knitted over 50 family Christmas stockings, sweaters, socks, and loved collecting an eclectic variety of things including all kinds of toys that made her laugh. She loved the hunt and loved her things, all of which were interesting! She gamely participated in the summer water activities on Mullett Lake, although cold water and tippy boats were never her favorite.

In 1988 Roger and Barbara retired to spend summers at Grandview Beach on Mullett Lake Michigan and winters at the south end of Crescent Beach in Saint Augustine FL. Barbara loved and stayed close to her friends made over the years from high school through retirement. She remembered and enjoyed retelling the family stories.

Barbara and Roger celebrated 70 years of marriage on September 24, 2021. Barbara was predeceased by her husband Roger in March 2022, parents Bart and Grace Ford, brother Tom Ford and son in law Stockton Miller-Jones. Barbara is survived by her three children: Betsy, of Saint Augustine FL and Indian River MI, Mike (Amy) of Richmond VA, and Mark of Mt Arlington NJ, sister in law Heidi Ford of Dexter, MI, brother in law Carl (Diane) Miller of Vero Beach Florida, grandchildren Anne (Chris) Cotty, Todd (Kirsten) Miller-Jones, Luke Miller, Julie Miller (Will Graves), three great grandchildren and a joyfully anticipated fourth on the way, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family thanks the caring and professional staff members of Vitas Hospice and Westminster Health Center, Saint Augustine Florida, who lovingly cared for her in her final months. A memorial service for both Barbara and Roger will be held in Michigan at a future date.

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