



Barbara Edwards Benjamin

May 12, 1927 - February 23, 2024

Barbara Edwards Benjamin, 96 years young, of Towanda passed away peacefully February 23, 2024 at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical center in Wilkes Barre, PA.

Barbara was born May 12, 1927, in Stevensville, PA the daughter of Elwin C. and Mabel Trowbridge Edwards. She was raised from the age of 4 by her grandparents Stephen and Kathryn Trowbridge after the death of her mother. Also living with them was her Uncle Dale Trowbridge from whom she learned much about living with dignity. They moved from Athens, PA to Camptown in 1932.

Barbara graduated from the Camptown High School with an excellent education. She then enrolled in the Nurse Cadet Corps at the Robert Packer School of Nursing. She remained an extra year there earning an advanced certification in Anesthesiology. It was also during nursing school that she met her future husband, S. Dean Benjamin who happened to be the brother of one of her classmates, Helen Benjamin.

She married Dean in 1949 and together they raised 6 children. They had a wonderful life together, working and later traveling the world. The family spent many years camping in different parts of the country and Canada. They were charter members of the Bradford County Outboard Motor club spending many

happy hours on the Susquehanna River. They were lifelong members of the French Asylum United Methodist Church and held many positions of service there.

Barbara began her nursing career at the Mills Hospital in Towanda, she then became a nurse at GTE Sylvania. In 1964, she became the elementary school nurse for the Towanda School District and continued there until her retirement. She was required to get a teaching degree which she did, one night a week and summers. Barbara set an excellent example for her children in the art of time management.

Barbara belonged to many organizations including The French Asylum UMW, DKG, Lady Whittemore, numerous card clubs including Pitch and Canasta, some of which continued until all of the members were in their late 80's and 90's. The group continued meeting for lunch even after the card games ended.

In addition to her parents, grandparents, siblings, in-laws and husband she was predeceased by a grandson, Stephen Dominic Vitaro.

Barbara is survived by her six children, Kathryn (Rudy) Vitaro, Allyson (Lynn) Lenox, Stephanie (Patrick) Coyne, Steven Benjamin and Cheryl Davidson, Joseph Benjamin and Cindy Slater, and Eric (Jacquelyn) Benjamin. Barbara has fifteen grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, a cousin, Marian Bennett, and a sister, Sylvia Erracart.

The family will receive friends Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a memorial service at noon at the French Asylum United Methodist Church. Bequests may be directed to the French Asylum United Methodist Church in Barbara's memory. The Maryott-Bowen Funeral

Home of Towanda is assisting Barbara's Family with arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

French Asylum Cemetery

French Asylum Road
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

French Asylum United Methodist Church
French Asylum Road
Towanda, PA 18848

Service

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Rai-Leigh Benjamin lit a candle in memory of Barbara Benjamin*



Rai-Leigh Benjamin - October 06, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Edwards Benjamin.*



March 01, 2024 at 09:45 AM

TD

“ *Please accept our sympathy and love, John and Mary Alice Demangone*

The Demangones - March 01, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Edwards Benjamin.*



February 28, 2024 at 07:14 PM

LF

“ Love, the Kerrick Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Edwards Benjamin.

Love, the Kerrick Family - February 28, 2024 at 07:14 PM

DK

“ We were neighbors of the Benjamins for many years. Such wonderful people and neighbors. Barb was a wonderful person, mother, nurse and friend. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Much love to the family. Donna Kerrick

Donna Kerrick - February 28, 2024 at 09:12 AM

EL

“ Such a lovely lady and wonderful life she lived. 🌹 . Our deepest condolences to all of her family, she will always live on in your hearts. Warm Regards, Elaine & Larry Elliott



Elaine - February 28, 2024 at 08:23 AM

SH

“ Allyson, my sincere sympathy to you and the family on the loss of your mom. I remember her as such a nice, kind woman and know you all will miss her terribly as you carry her memory in your hearts.

Sharon Horinka - February 27, 2024 at 06:25 PM

TA

“ *To the Benjamin Family,
What a nice, kind lady Barb was. She had such a beautiful, gentle smile. She was the school nurse when I taught in the Towanda Elementary System. The school children loved her caring heart. What a full life she lived. What a lovely picture of her and tribute to her life. I send my love to her family.*

Tom Abell - February 27, 2024 at 10:58 AM

KB

“ *Our sincere condolences to Steve, Rai-leigh and all of Barb's many loved ones. She was a wonderful nurse and really pleasant lady. May your beautiful memories help you navigate these saddest of times.
Sincerely,
Kim & Art Bobbs*

Kim Bobbs - February 27, 2024 at 10:48 AM

ES

“ *Aunt Barb was Durell's NP before that was a thing. Because we played outside a great deal, we had bumps and bruises so you went to the Benjamin Clinic for repair. She will always be in my heart.*

Elaine Silverstrim - February 27, 2024 at 09:03 AM

LO

“ *Such a joy getting to care for her! She always made me laugh and smile! She was so kind hearted and loved her family so much! I'm grateful I had a chance to know her! Rest in peace Barb*

Logan - February 26, 2024 at 10:40 PM