



Laura Elizabeth "Babe" O'Connell

July 15, 1924 - July 4, 2019

Laura "Babe" (Peterpaul) O'Connell, 94, of Sayre, PA passed away on July 4, 2019 peacefully at home.

She was born on July 15, 1924, the daughter of the late Michael and Victoria (Corbo) Peterpaul.

Laura was predeceased by her husband Robert J. O'Connell in 1966, her brother and sister-in-law Jeremiah and Kay Peterpaul, sister and brother-in-law Hortense (Tansy) and Frank Ennis, sister and brother-in-law Leona and Thomas O'Leary, sister Matilda Peterpaul, and son-in-law Xavier Chatard.

Her memory will forever be cherished in the lives of her eight children: Anne (Richard) Umbrecht of Villanova, PA; Mary (Daryl) Rich of Sayre, PA; Barbara O'Connell of Eurre, France; Jean O'Connell Jenkins of Pittsburgh, PA; Ellen O'Connell Benedetto of Pittsburgh, PA; Robert (Pat) O'Connell of Baltimore, MD; Elizabeth O'Connell of Washington, DC; and Nancy (Robert) Beardsley of Waverly, NY; her grandchildren, Brian (Colleen) Rich, Lauren (Bryan) Rudloff, Richard Umbrecht, Laura Umbrecht, Michael Umbrecht, Jack O'Connell, Danny O'Connell, Taylor Jenkins, and Lucas Beardsley; her five great-grandchildren, Ava and Alex Rich and Colton, Brynn and Luke Rudloff, together with a host of beloved nieces, nephews, friends, and her devoted caregiver, Komba Keita.

Laura's family will receive friends on Sunday July 7, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, 314 Desmond Street, Sayre. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Monday July 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Burial immediately following at St. James Cemetery, Waverly, NY.

Laura's family asks that memorial contributions be made in her name to Sayre Public Library, 122 South Elmer Avenue, Sayre, PA 18840.

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

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

161 Elm Street
Waverly, NY 14892

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
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Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Elizabeth "Babe" O'Connell*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Laura Elizabeth "Babe" O'Connell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Laura Elizabeth "Babe" O'Connell*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Laura Elizabeth "Babe" O'Connell*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Laura Elizabeth "Babe" O'Connell*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *One time, I was walking down the hallway of Epiphany School (as a young adult). Mrs. O'Connell snuck up behind me and gave me a big hug.*

Ron Fiorello - July 12, 2019 at 09:09 PM

LO

“ You all have my condolence, didn't know Laura (Babe), but I worked with her daughter Ellen and we called ourselves Cousin. However I did a few time talk to (Babe) when she called Ellen & work and she was pleasure to talk. Be encouraged and know that God will uphold all of you. Lois Newton (aka, cousin)

Lois - July 08, 2019 at 03:13 PM

RF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ron Fiorello - July 07, 2019 at 11:55 AM

CB

“ Truly a beautiful sparkle in this world. I have such wonderful memories of her, she could always make you smile and feel like family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Gardner

Cindy Brumbaugh - July 07, 2019 at 07:07 AM

DN

“ I can't express the extent of my heartfelt sorrow in the loss of Babe O'Connell. She was an inspiration for me in both my youth and in my adult life! In my younger years, we always thought we were much smarter than our parents. I recall one night when Babe was out socializing, we were smoking in the house. She told us that if you're going to smoke, use an ashtray and not my potted plants. (lol...typical Babe) Later in life, my mother got to know Babe and thought she was the most wonderful woman she had ever met. Later in life and in my "adulthood" I realized what an amazing woman Babe was by raising such a great family, mostly on her own, and doing it with discipline, respect, love, and most of all, wit. Although I haven't seen her in decades, her memory will always cast a deep impression in my soul. God bless you the O'Connell family! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Don Northrup

Don Northrup - July 06, 2019 at 10:16 PM

RF

“ Mrs. O'Connell's life became very challenged after the death of her husband. She continued with courage and raised her family in a good way. I remember visiting Mrs. O'Connell at her home in Sayre in 1983. R.I.P.

Ron Fiorello - July 06, 2019 at 04:22 PM

AM

“ We all loved your mother so much and will truly miss knowing she's in the world. She was a wonderful friend to our mother and we will both always think of her often and with nothing but fond memories. We know it's a difficult time for her family but are glad she was blessed with such a long life.

Anne & Lisa Markel - July 06, 2019 at 01:21 PM

JE

Love both of you girls, and loved your mother so.

Jeannie - July 28, 2019 at 06:58 AM

LR

“ *Sharing in the sadness of the loss of your mother. She was an amazing lady.*

Leon Rufus

Leon Rufus - July 06, 2019 at 12:22 PM



Barbara Duhigg

“ *Barbara Duhigg sent a virtual gift in memory of Laura Elizabeth "Babe" O'Connell*



Barbara Duhigg - July 06, 2019 at 11:01 AM



Barbara Duhigg

Hail Mary Full of Grace ❤️🙏

Barbara Duhigg - July 06, 2019 at 11:02 AM



Barbara
Duhigg

“ *To a Dear Sweet Lady,
Thank You for your kindness in becoming my Confirmation Sponsor
so many years ago. I have always had fond memories of our many
talks. You taught me life lessons that I still use too this day.
May the Lord hold you in His arms always. Please Blessed Virgin
watch over Mrs. O'Connells family, Amen* ❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

With much love,

Barbara Duhigg Knickerbocker

Barbara Duhigg - July 06, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was
purchased for the family of Laura Elizabeth
"Babe" O'Connell.*



July 06, 2019 at 10:16 AM