



## Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan

September 19, 2019

GUILDERLAND/UTICA - Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan went to her reward in heaven on Thursday, September 19, 2019 with the love and support of her children and family by her side.

She was born in Utica, the daughter of the late Byron and Lucille (Marino) Snell “sometime in the 1930’s”. She was proud that she lived at 510 Cottage Place, the home of her great-grandparents and father for most of her 80+ years.

She attended Egbert Bagg School and graduated from UFA. Barb enjoyed a long and distinguished career in nursing, beginning at St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing and eventually as the Assistant Administrator and Director of Nursing at St. Regis Home Health Care.

Barb met the love of her life, Robert “Bob” Sullivan, and was married at St. Francis de Sales Church in 1957. They had three beloved children: Linda Sullivan-Fatata, Sandra and her husband Richard Smith, and son Robert D. Sullivan, Jr. Her grandchildren were one of her greatest joys, Richard Smith, Jr. and his sister Alexandra Barbara Smith, Neil Fatata and his fiancée Bel, Mitchell Fatata, and Noah Fatata. She leaves her sister-in-law Ann Marie Ketchum whom she considered her sister, and her children Patrick, Gina, and Colleen. She also loved her niece Melinda (Snell) Buza; and her beloved cousin Rosemary (Dawley) Foster. She was predeceased by her brother Byron Snell, Jr. and her niece Nadine.

Barb had many lifelong friends which included her best friend, Nedra (Casey) Quinn who she met while attending St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing, Dave and Millie Welsh, Sheila Mazzeo, Maria Giglio, Kathy Mead, and hundreds of Facebook friends that she communicated with on a daily basis!

She was a Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout Den Mother. She was president of the Gamma Chi, Women’s Club. She was active in her home parish of St. Francis de Sales before its closing. She was a member and served on the Parish Council at Historic Old St. John’s Church Downtown.

Family was her everything. She was willing to care for her extended family and this she did with grace and compassion. When her mother went to The Masonic Home, Barb was there every day for over 14 years. Her caring nature extended to the animal world as well.

Her home was a haven to many dogs, cats, fish, turtles, a pet rat, a pigeon and even a robin! Barb loved all creatures of the earth and believed that before heaven, you cross the rainbow bridge where you are greeted by all your departed animal friends!

With her husband and son, she opened Thornberry's Restaurant in 1995. She was the creator of the name Thornberry's and delighted in her hostess duties and her ability to keep a well-stocked bar!

She was a published poet and had several national awards to her credit. She kept copious daily journals that detailed her life experiences which will undoubtedly bring joy to her family for years to come.

Barb was a proud member of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). Her Snell family heritage dates back to the revolution in Upstate NY and she was the direct descendant of those who died in the battle for freedom.

Only now do we fully realize what a fighter Barb was. She was always a formidable opponent in pitch, dominoes, and sequence. She bravely decided to beat Pancreatic Cancer and did not hesitate to wage a Herculean battle! She had the Whipple surgical procedure in August 2018 and followed it up with months of chemo. She battled this disease with the same gusto in which she lived her life, but it returned in June of 2019. Still determined to stay with her family, she forged on. Although her spirit was willing, the flesh was weak. She passed away at Our Lady of Mercy in Guilderland, NY where her daughter Sandy is the Administrator. She received nothing but the finest, most compassionate care possible. The family would like to acknowledge the amazing team of Dr. Michael Burke "Donut Man", Dr. Ghulam Akbari, RNs Eileen Price, and Chris Urbano, and the entire team on Lourdes Unit. Special Thanks to Dr. Louiz Coehlo aka "Dr. Mark Anthony" for his compassion, humor, dedication, and tender care of Barb when she needed it most. They will always remember her longtime primary physician, Dr. Kevin McCormick.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. Memorial contributions may be considered to Spring Farm Cares online at [www.springfarmcares.org](http://www.springfarmcares.org) or H.A.L.O online at [www.halorescue.net](http://www.halorescue.net); envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Barbara's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Interment will follow graveside at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Barbara's life story was lovingly composed from the hearts of her family.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

# Tribute Wall

FC

“ Barbara and I shared many good times and many laughs throughout all our years at good old St. Francis de Sales. And I still remember the tears we shed together on the day our beloved church closed--a truly sad day for both of us. I have only fond memories of Barbara. She was a good person. My sincerest condolences to the whole family. We have lost someone special.

Frank Calaprice - September 24, 2019 at 01:33 PM

JB

“ Barbara was very special. Moms stay in a very special part of our hearts even after they pass. We are deeply saddened by your loss.  
John & Luba

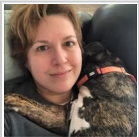
John Baker - September 24, 2019 at 10:18 AM

DP

“ Diane Pagnotta-Collis lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan



Diane Pagnotta-Collis - September 23, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ Laurie A Egan lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan



Laurie A Egan - September 23, 2019 at 05:33 PM

M)

“ Thank you for always being my precious loving family and passing down so many priceless family photos and stories . Praying for you all , that the Lord eases your sorrow .



Meg Phillips ( Snell ) - September 23, 2019 at 03:12 PM

KC

“ *Kim Baker and SPHP Continuing Care colleagues purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



**Kim Baker and SPHP Continuing Care colleagues** - September 23, 2019 at 12:54 PM

LL

“ *Love, Grant and Karla Langheinrich purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



**Love, Grant and Karla Langheinrich** - September 23, 2019 at 10:58 AM

LR

“ *Love, Schuyler Ridge purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



**Love, Schuyler Ridge** - September 23, 2019 at 09:19 AM

BR

“ *Linda and family, I had the pleasure of knowing your mom years back while she and Maria worked in home care and we enjoyed many dinners at Thornberry's. Extending our sympathy for your loss.  
Your neighbor at 109  
Rick and Bader Reynolds*

**Bader Reynolds** - September 22, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



September 22, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



September 22, 2019 at 12:35 PM

GP

“ *Barbara met me in March 1996 as I required daily services from Regis HHA. For the five years I was a daily 'client,' Barbara ensured I ALWAYS received the unique care/treatment that my spinal cord injury commanded. NEVER did she allow care to go interrupted! An achievement that proves she acutely knew the vital need for me to live healthily, safely and which afforded me opportunities to continue daily working and socializing within the community. Barbara was a grand woman and superb human. She CARED about every facet of the lives of the people she provided HHA services. Blessings to her family.*

*Girard A. Plante  
Newton, Massachusetts*

**Girard A. Plante** - September 22, 2019 at 10:17 AM

AB

“ *aneila barran purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



**aneila barran** - September 21, 2019 at 11:19 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



September 21, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



September 21, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



September 21, 2019 at 02:52 PM

NF

“ *Nedra and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



**Nedra and family** - September 21, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



September 21, 2019 at 09:10 AM

MB

“ *Melissa Baird lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan*



**Melissa Baird** - September 20, 2019 at 09:11 PM

DN

“ *Diane Siembida Nassif lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan*



**Diane Siembida Nassif** - September 20, 2019 at 07:08 PM

JB

“ *Julia Brown lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan*



**Julia Brown** - September 20, 2019 at 06:36 PM

JB

*Rest in peace Barbara. To Linda, Bob, Sandy and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. She fought a courageous battle. Heaven gained an angel ❤️*

**Julia Brown** - September 20, 2019 at 06:41 PM

LF

*Thank you Julie...you were such a big part of our family growing up. Mommy loved you all.*

**Linda Fatata** - September 21, 2019 at 12:39 AM

SF

“ *Sincerely, Your OLOM family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Ann (Snell) Sullivan.*



**Sincerely, Your OLOM family** - September 20, 2019 at 01:14 PM