



## Barbara J. Knapp

April 19, 1930 - March 21, 2020

Barbara J. Knapp, age 89, passed away peacefully at home Saturday March 21, 2020.

She was born April 19, 1930 to William and Reva Kelley in Richmond, Indiana. She married her high school sweetheart, John P. Knapp, in Melbourne, Florida in 1951. Together they raised 3 children in Indiana and Illinois before moving to their Roswell, Georgia home in 1982.

Barb enjoyed 40 years of family sailing adventures from Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky to the British Virgin Islands to Georgia's Lake Lanier. The family continued their waterside fellowship and fun with 18 years of Beach House reunions, where Barb coordinated annual themed parties. Barb was so dedicated to these events that she checked out of the hospital in time to dress for the Pirate Party at Higher Porpoise in Litchfield Beach, SC.

Always involved in her community, she served as social chairman or president of numerous organizations including Purdue Undergraduate Dames, Great Books, Psi Iota Xi Sorority and Children's Theater. She did all of this, yet still found time to potty-train a parakeet (long story).

She was known as a lover of books and a woman of incredible intellectual curiosity. She volunteered for several years as the bookstore manager of Friends of the Roswell Library. Barb regularly enjoyed friendships and lively conversations with her book club, The Literary Ladies and her Fun-Fit group, the Ladies Who Lunch.

While Barb treasured being with her family, she had a way of making

everyone feel special. She was master of the open-ended question, role model for all, and gracious under every circumstance.

Barb is survived by her beloved husband, John; 3 children: Doug Knapp (Cindy) Coral Springs, Florida; Jan Sanchez (Rick) of Louisville, Colorado; Dave Knapp (Brenda) of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She is celebrated by her 9 grandchildren: Brian (Cori), David and Kevin (Heather) Knapp; Emma, Rich and Katie Sanchez; Charlie, Sarah and Audrey Knapp. She will also be missed by her 2 great grandchildren: Joshua and Charlotte Knapp.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters Kathleen Quinlivan and Patricia Peters; and brothers William Kelley and Thomas Kelley. Barb loved her family and friends, yet due to this unprecedented time, a private family service will be held. Interment will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Richmond, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to:

Friends of the Roswell Library, 115 Norcross Street, Roswell, GA 30075

Online condolences: [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory**

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara J. Knapp*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Doug Knapp** - April 02, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ *We are so sorry our thoughts and prayers are with you. We loved being next door neighbors for 30 years. Barbara was a gentle kind soul I always looked up to. Sherea and Harmon Greenway*



**Sherea Greenway** - March 30, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Cindy Knapp** - March 29, 2020 at 02:18 PM

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“ Uncle John, Doug, Jan & David(and families). I was so taken aback when Doug called to share the news. I remember Aunt Barbie always with a smile and giggle. I remember when Mom drove the Woody Station wagon with all 4 kids to Evansville to visit. Walking down the street to see the new airport across the tracks down that big bank. Aunt Barbie telling me I had to play outside so the neighbors would see that there is another red head in the family, right Jan? Visiting 3 yrs ago at their home was so special. It had been so long since we had visited. Hang in there fam, cherish the memories, that will get you through. Never forgotten. Sue Peters Hasenour

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**Sue Hasenour** - March 25, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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“ Uncle John and family - PK and I send our love and prayers for all of you and hope your long, rich lifetime of shared love and treasured memories will help lift your spirits through each coming day. May God bless each of you through these difficult times - it saddens us deeply to not be with you.  
Tim Quinlivan & PK Anderson

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**tim quinlivan** - March 23, 2020 at 10:53 AM