



Barbara Mix Rapp

November 4, 1929 - September 5, 2017

Barbara Mix Rapp, age 87, from Raleigh, NC, died peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on September 5, 2017. She was born on November 4, 1929, in Buffalo, NY, where she lived before moving to North Carolina in 1997. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Wesley and Rachel Mix; by her husband's parents, Joseph and Paula Rapp; and by her grandson, John Castro-Rapp. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, John Frank Rapp. She is also survived by her children, Joseph Rapp (Nancy), Michael Rapp, Christopher Rapp (Maria Castro), John Rapp (Myra), David Rapp (Judi Harris), Lawrence Rapp (Joseph Napierkowski), James Rapp, and Mary Bellanti (Joseph); by Joanne York; by Kelly Rapp; by her grandchildren, Bryon Santschi, Brian Daboll, Christopher Castro-Rapp, Jessica Castro-Rapp, Samuel Rapp, Sara Rapp, Ana Bellanti, and Maddie Bellanti; and by her great-grandchildren, Mark Vogel, Christian Daboll, Aiden Vogel, Haven Daboll, Avery Daboll, and the soon-to-be-born, Luke Daboll. Barbara was active in her church and volunteered for many years at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, in Garner, NC. Barbara was honored to be an essential part of the church family at St. Mary, where she felt included, needed, and valued.

Barbara's entire life has focused on giving glory, honor, and praise to the Lord Jesus Christ. In Barbara's words, "Everything is a gift." Her life has been marked by reverence for the sanctity of each day. She walked with Christ every day of the week and lived each day as a sacrament. During her final

weeks, Barbara recognized the care she received from her loved ones and was amazed that she had everything she needed before she asked.

We will remember Barbara's gentle intelligence, her playful wit, her gracious beauty, and her quiet generosity. We will remember being at Nana's house for countless Sunday brunches, birthday celebrations, and holiday festivities. We will also remember her loving relationship with her husband John, her loyalty to her children, and her attentiveness to her grandchildren. Her legacy to us is a reminder to be faithful in each moment, to love one another, and to appreciate the gifts of God.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Garner, NC, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., with Vespers at 8:00 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary, Mother of the Church on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow at St. Joseph's Hall. The inurnment will take place at St. Andrew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Apex, NC, at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given to www.transitionslifecare.org. Remembrances and condolences may be left at www.wakefuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary, Mother of the Church
1008 Vandora Springs Rd
Garner, NC 27529

Vespers

SEP 10. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Committal Service

SEP 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church
3008 Old Raleigh Rd
Apex, NC 27502

Tribute Wall

JK

“ *John & family,*

My deepest sympathy to all of you. Barb was a good friend and neighbor when we lived on Country Pkwy. I have fond memories of many get togethers, New Year's Eves, picnics, etc. May Barb rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon her.

Judy Klug

Judy Klug - September 11, 2017 at 02:08 PM

DE

“ *Barb was such a special person. Her kindness and compassion and faith were an inspiration. I feel blessed to have known her. The video is a wonderful tribute to a wonderful woman. I am keeping you all in my prayers.*

Donna Enichen

donna enichen - September 10, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ *I think Mrs. Rappl was an Angel put here on earth to share her simplicity, knowledge, friendship and generosity. She was called to heaven with so many memories left behind, that she will not be soon forgotten. Sending comfort to you all.*

Angela Collins - September 09, 2017 at 01:48 AM

PD

“ *What an amazing video of an even more amazing life! How wonderful to see the life she lived, the loves she had, and the legacy that will now carry on for her. May you find some comfort in this challenging time, and lift each other up as she would undoubtedly want.*

Paul Daniels - September 08, 2017 at 08:31 PM

JO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



John - September 08, 2017 at 10:33 AM

KB

“ *So many memories of seeing her smile as I entered into the Rappi kitchen. She was a sweet lady. So saddened to hear that she passed. I know she is in the loving arms of our Lord continueing to smile on her family and loved ones. Prayers are being said for all who are in sorrow. Love, Kathy Gebhard-Bilz.*

Kathy Bilz - September 08, 2017 at 09:03 AM

RJ

“ *May the Lord welcome Barbara into Paradise and console her family. Richard Escobales*

Richard H. Escobales, Jr. - September 07, 2017 at 09:02 PM

CB

“ With much love and sympathy for Barbara and her family. Mary is my daughter in law and I know how saddened she has been. Prayers being sent for the whole family.
Christine Bellanti



christine bellanti - September 07, 2017 at 08:29 PM

BA

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Rappi family. We met Barb during our time at Canisius College. Barb and Ken Rusin

Barb - September 07, 2017 at 07:07 PM

NI

“ I did not know Mrs. Rappi, but I am blessed to know her daughter, Mary, and to call her my friend. Based on the incredible person that Mary is today, I have to believe her mother was just as great. Mary, my thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult time.



Nicole Karchner, Goshen, NY

Nicole - September 07, 2017 at 04:42 PM

BS

“ From the time I was 14 to present - I remember riding to Buffalo for Thanksgiving dinner for the first time and in person Grandma and Grandpa Rappl took me in and always treated me like their own! I have know this lady for over thirty years never heard her say a bad thing about me - she did share disappointment at times in me but nevertheless she always made me feel welcome and loved! Will certainly miss her a great lady!



Bryon Santschi - September 07, 2017 at 02:46 PM

PK

“ Barb always welcomed everyone with a great smile. Her legacy along with John will always be the family they raised. Pete and Mare Koehneke

Pete Koehneke - September 07, 2017 at 12:48 PM

SC

“ Barb and I worked together at Canisius during my time there. Her faith, integrity, and attention to details made a life long impression. A wonderful lady, who along with John raised a great family. I am honored to have known her and to have been her friend.

Storm Cilley - September 07, 2017 at 12:43 PM

JR

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Joe Rappl - September 07, 2017 at 05:43 AM