



## Hope Watts

March 26, 1944 - September 24, 2018

Hope Algieri Watts, 74, of Pittsboro passed away on Monday, September 24, 2018 at UNC Hospital surrounded by her family. Hope was born in Brooklyn, New York, on March 26, 1944 to Salvatore and Genevieve Algieri. She was the eldest of four children. Hope grew up in numerous countries as her father was an Air Force Officer. She graduated from Atwater High School in Atwater, CA in 1962 and attended Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

In 1965, Hope married the love of her life, Barry Watts, at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. She was a loyal wife and mother, supporting her family as they moved all over the world in support of Barry's Air Force career. She eventually settled in Washington D.C. in 1978. A few years later she joined the Magruders' Grocery Stores as a cashier, eventually becoming a store manager and, later, operations supervisor for the entire chain.

Hope was a beloved sister and grandmother. After spending 38 years in the Washington D.C. area, Hope recently retired to Pittsboro, North Carolina with her husband Barry to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Hope was an avid reader and card player traveling the U.S. and Canada to compete in Masters level duplicate bridge tournaments. She loved to travel and went to a wide variety of countries with her husband, family, and friends.

Hope is survived by her husband of 53 years, Barry Watts, her two daughters Stacey Christian and Becky Burke, her five grandchildren Alex Christian, Lauren Christian, Hayden Selmer, Morgan Selmer, and Frank Burke. She is also survived by her three brothers Robert, Joseph, and Matthew Algieri.

We will celebrate Hope's life on Sunday, October 14th, at the Gathering Place in Fearington Village, North Carolina, from 1:00-3:00 pm. The family will receive guests in their home at 1 Bladen, Fearington Village, following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Hope's memory to Wounded Warrior Project at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Fearrington Village Gathering Place  
28 Swim & Croquet  
Pittsboro, NC 27312

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ Hope and I met in 1973 and became Bridge partners and friends. We traveled to tournaments, she took care of me when i was ill. We helped each other through troubles. We lost touch when she moved and i moved. She was brilliant, and passionate about Bridge,. She did everything to perfection I had attempted to find her on Facebook and to my dismay, discovered that she had died and was interned interned in October. My sympathy to Becky, Stacey and Barry. Hope was kind and thoughtful. I loved her.

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**Margaret Watson** - October 26, 2018 at 05:23 AM

BH

“ To Barry and Family  
Ellen and I were so fortunate to share so many good times with you and Hope. From teaching at the Air Force Academy when we were Captains, to the Pentagon and in our work with Northrop we always found time to enjoy each others' company.

One story reminds us that Hope always got it right. I think it was over a dinner conversation, but it had to do with Hope on the phone to Stacey regarding some renovation project that she and her husband were just starting. Stacey had her ideas, but her husband proposed something different. Hope had the solution (I'm paraphrasing): "Daughter, dear, let's just proceed with the plan we made. At the end of the day, men simply don't care about things like this."

Of course, she was right.  
We will miss her, too.  
Bob and Ellen Haffa

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**Bob and Ellen Haffa** - October 11, 2018 at 01:40 PM

DK

“ *To Barry and family.*

*We remember:*

*The wonderful years in Canaan Valley. The long hikes. The bike rides. Eating at Siriannis/The Anchor. Playing board games. Just sitting around relating life's /family experiences.*

*These were the best of times.*

*We remember.*

*Dave and Laverne*

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**Dave Kurowski** - October 03, 2018 at 10:49 AM

EM

“ *We had but a few short years of friendship with Hope here in Brunswick Forest, Leland, NC, but found her to be a truly remarkably kind, loving, and bright woman. Our condolences to Barry, the entire family, and her many friends.*

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**Embletons** - September 30, 2018 at 08:35 AM