



## Barbara E. West Pezzanite

June 6, 1932 - August 28, 2020

How does one write an obituary about the person who gave birth to us? I should start with the basic information such as her name, besides mom, was Barbara Etta (West) Pezzanite born on 06/06/1932 in Hillsboro, West Virginia but raised in Hollywood, West Virginia. Her parents were Lena Withrow and Solomon West. She had two sisters, Minnie and Lettie and two brothers, Cecil and Forrest. Unfortunately, mom went home on August 28th, 2020 at 6:57 pm . She was raised during the depression era and her father was a farmer and cook at the old saw mill. She attended Monroe High School located in Union, West Virginia. She had an interest in fashion at a young age. She used to pick blueberries to sell to make extra money to purchase clothes or material to make her own clothes when she was younger. She met my dad, Larry Vincent Pezzanite of Alderson W. Va. at the Methodist Church during high school. They would marry in May 1952. It would not be long before they moved to Manassas Virginia for my dad to go to college. While living in either Virginia or Ohio, mom has several really cool experiences. She worked at a laundry mat where she met Albert Einstein. He would bring in his clothes to be cleaned. Later, she went on to work as a telephone operator at the company where the first transcontinental phone call was placed. It was during this time, that mom and dad started their family. My mom has four other children besides me, Larry Joe (named after my father), Larry Vincent (named after my grandfather), Nicole Gray, John Robert and me, Linda. She has three grandchildren: Joseph Raymond Pezzanite, Lindsay Jo Costanza and Pamela Marie Goheen. In addition, she has 10 great grandchildren: Colin, Jaylin and Piper Guzanski as well as Samuel, Benjamin, Isabelle and Alethea Constanza plus Kalia, Jazlyn, and Wyatt Goheen. She loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren very much. She always had a sense of adventure. She lived in New York, Tennessee, Georgia, Ohio, North Carolina, as well as West Virginia and Alaska. She loved history and art. She loved to paint, play on her computer and visit museums. She wanted to travel the United States and paint after she retired. She found beauty in nature wherever she went. She believed everyone should see America. She was very caring and compassionate. Many friends and family members remember her for her sense of humor and smile. She volunteered with Hospice while in North Carolina. She started a poker group and painting group at the club house of the Adult Active Community where she lived. She even taught computer and art

classes there. She loved watching birds, our dogs and the clouds. She loved the Georgia skies would say there was nothing like them anywhere. She will be missed. Unfortunately, with Coronavirus limiting travel, there will be no funeral but there will be a memorial service for her on Sunday, September 6th, 2020 at 2:00 pm EST on Zoom. The link to it and log in information is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77207168641?pwd=RkwxQldtNkpBQ2FMWUNWK0p3d2E1UT09> Meeting ID: 772 0716 8641 Passcode: Barbara

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you all just be kind to one another and go out and perform a random act of kindness for someone. The world needs more kindness right now.

Be well and be safe.

# Comments

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“ Larry Joe, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. No words can ever comfort you in these times but memories and faith in the good will always lift your spirits to remember all the special times.

My deepest condolences to you,  
Warmly  
Melanie

**Melanie** - September 08, 2020 at 06:07 AM

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“ Barbara was such a beautiful soul. I first met her when she visited our home on her honeymoon! She and Uncle Jennie had just married and they were traveling through Pulaski on their way to somewhere, I don't remember where. The two of them were just glowing with happiness and love. Barbara was so full of life, very congenial even to perfect strangers. I loved her energy, her joy for life, and especially I loved that she made my favorite Uncle very happy. I hope her family will forever find comfort in the memories of her laugh and her smile. Love to all of you. Kay Hunley

**Kay Hunley** - September 03, 2020 at 10:18 AM