



Carole L. Bernat

July 24, 1946 - May 30, 2023

Carole Bernat, 76, passed away peacefully on May 30th in Georgia. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who will be missed dearly. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Donald Bernat, together for 35 years; parents, Helen Nichols Corbin and Warren Nichols from Jersey City, New Jersey. Carole leaves behind cherished family and friends including her children; Kristi Burns, Peter Kurlonak, Patty (Rich) Connolly; along with six grandchildren (Luke, Rhys, Chloe, Lilly, Breanna, Matt); great-grandchildren, Ava, and sister, Joan Rutkowski. She worked to live not lived to work, being retired for over twenty years, cruising most everywhere with her Donald and family, as well as countless fun-filled vacations with friends. Loved ones will always remember her beautiful smile, how much she adored her grandchildren, desire to travel, her wisdom and strength, ability to tell a good story, passion for reading, the Jersey Girls, and watching the sunrise on the beach. In celebration of her memorable and well-lived life, we kindly invite everyone to attend the Celebration of Life Service to be held in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA, on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 12:00 PM with Dr. Bill Coates officiating. Casual dress requested. Everyone is invited to the Reception in the Magnolia Room at Flanigan Funeral Home following the Service. The family will receive friends on Monday, June 19, 2023 from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Flowers can be sent to 4400 S. Lee Street, Buford, GA or donations in lieu of made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org).

Previous Events

Family will Receive Guests

JUN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

JUN 19. 12:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Reception

JUN 19 (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Tribute Wall

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“ *Patty and Family, I enjoyed knowing your Mom. She was full of life and certainly loved her family. Hugs and prayers for you at this sad time. May she Rest in Peace. Betty and Richard Hamilton*

Bettyann Hamilton - June 07, 2023 at 04:22 PM

TU

“ *Words of sympathy feel inadequate in expressing grief and sorrow for a loss so great. Sending a warm embrace and all my love during this sad time. Patty, your mother was my friend and coworker. She was my go-to person when any process problem arose. She was always smiling and energetic and would help me in any way possible. She will be missed! However, Mothers never truly leave us. You need only look in your heart and she'll be there.*

*So sad for your loss.
Ted Upton*

Ted Upton - June 07, 2023 at 03:48 PM

DB

“ *Hello Patty, This is sad news indeed! I helped your mom and Don when Don was sick, and shortly thereafter, before she moved. They were beloved by the Sarasota Retired Educators Association. Your mom was so excited to be closer to you and the triplets. I'm sure there is a hole in your heart, but I'm also sure Mom is now walking hand-in-hand with Don, and looking down with love on you all.*

*We wish you peace.
Diane Bassett (Sarasota Retired Educators Assoc)*

Diane Marie Bassett - June 07, 2023 at 10:03 AM

FS

“ *Patty-I lived "across the lake" from your mom in Laurel Lakes. We would wave and yell hello and she would warn me about the alligators in the lake. I'm so sorry to hear about her and my thoughts and hugs go out to you and all your family.*

Fran Stubblefield

Fran Stubblefield - June 06, 2023 at 08:20 PM