



Barbara Jean Boulanger

October 2, 1969 - December 10, 2024

Barbara Jean Boulanger passed away peacefully on December 10th, 2024 with her family and friends by her side.

She was born on October 2, 1969 to (James) Clayton Boulanger and (Martha) Becky Johnson Boulanger. She grew up in Easthampton, MA and graduated from Easthampton High School. Barbara earned her BS at UMass at North Adams, then her MSW at East Carolina University at Greenville, NC. Barbara spent the majority of her career with the VA, in Northampton, MA, Providence, RI and Charleston, SC.

Barbara met the love of her life, Dawn Altoonian in 2013 and they spent the next 11 years together. Barbara loved flowers, the beach, and being outside in nature. She spent many hours in her gardens, at the beach hunting for shells and shark teeth, pinecones, and heart shaped stones. She was an accomplished crafswoman: she sewed, made bead jewelry, created sun-catchers, and fashioned landscape pictures from found objects. Barbara's empathetic and understanding heart drew people to her. She believed that people are inherently good, and everyone deserves a second chance. She is a much beloved and trusted wife, mother, sister, friend and coworker; she will be greatly missed. An Angel ascended today.

Barbara is survived by her wife, Dawn Altoonian; son, Erick C. Whear-

Boulanger; sister, Terry Gaspari (Steve); sister-in-law, Susan Boulanger; her best friends: Annette Adams, Dave Pepin and Stacey DOrsey; her pets: Luna and Finn; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents Clayton and Becky Boulanger; her brothers: Donn Boulanger (Susan) and Kris Boulanger; a sister, Andrea Sullivan and her husband, John.

The family would like to thank the staff of MUSC and Agape hospice for their care of Barbara during her illness. Also a special thanks to the colleagues of the Social Work team for their love, support and assistance.

Funeral arrangements will be made at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, www.komen.org

Tribute Wall

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Terry Gaspari - December 22, 2024 at 10:52 AM

KK

“ I first met Barbara when we both worked in caregiver support with the VA in Charleston. My sincere condolences are with her family and friends. Barbara was someone who had a great sense of humor, a genuine concern for others, and a heart of gold. I will always have fond memories of her, and am grateful our paths crossed in life. My wife (Monique) and I will miss Barbara's authentic kindness, and the positive impact she had on others will be truly missed.

Kevin Kelly

Kevin Kelly - December 20, 2024 at 03:11 PM

AS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We thank you for allowing us to help in the care of Barbara



Agape Hospice Staff - December 19, 2024 at 03:50 PM

SB

“ I met Barbara when I first started working at the VA. She took me under her wing and made sure that I had time to get my feet under me and was trained before I was expected to perform the job on my own. This despite the fact that she had been doing the job of three people for months. She was full on Mama Bear energy, for which I will be forever grateful.

She pushed people to be their best.

She showed great compassion and caring for the veterans we worked with. I remember her laughter as she talked with a veteran in a wheel chair, never losing sight of his humanity in the pressure to complete tasks.

She had a wicked sense of humor.

She loved her son, and was so happy when she met Dawn.

My heart goes out to her family.

Sarah Burnham - December 19, 2024 at 10:29 AM

LM

“ You will always be someone who brings a smile to my face; many good times with your mom Becky sitting on her porch, your old family home, loved that place in Easthampton. RIP Barb

LISA MCCRAY - December 14, 2024 at 09:42 AM

LY

“ I knew her at work as, "Barb." She was my team leader and taught me the ropes of learning my job at the Charleston-VA, in caregiver support. She was a gentle educator and wonderful social worker. She received countless calls by caregivers who praised her generosity and good nature. Barb was not only a great social worker, but a wonderful and kind human. Her energy was positive and everyone that came into contact with her was blessed. My condolences to her family. Heaven gained a beautiful angel. I miss you, Barb. 💖-Laura Y.

Laura Young - December 11, 2024 at 07:49 PM

MC

Bj was an amazing woman from the first day. I met her when I was working at the Northampton VA we gravitate towards each other and we continued our friendship even after I retired through Facebook although we haven't been able to spend time together, she's always in my heart, great conversations, great memories, a true angel my love for you and the memories will never die to the family. May the joys and comfort of memories, comfort you in this time of your loss my deepest condolences and prayers.

Martha Cousin - December 12, 2024 at 02:14 PM

DB

*I met Barb at the end of her journey. She and the love of her laugh embraced joy and peace. Your home made me see that what one invest is the most important with love and being real with yourself. I wish had more time. Yo, I am here
Dr. Bettye Broomfield*

Dr. Bettye Broomfield - December 13, 2024 at 08:12 PM

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Terry Gaspari - December 11, 2024 at 03:26 PM

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Terry Gaspari - December 11, 2024 at 12:12 PM

KP

“ I'll always remember your bright spirit and personality. It was obvious you loved what you did. Thank you for the time we got to share.

Katie

Katie Paschoal - December 11, 2024 at 11:28 AM

MI

“ I had the great fortune of knowing Barbara during her time at the Providence VA Medical Center. It is rare when you find someone who is both skilled at their craft and a joy to work with. While I am saddened by this news, I am happy to call Barbara a forever friend and colleague.

Michael - December 11, 2024 at 10:53 AM

SB

Barbie was my sister in law but she was more like a sister. I will always remember time spent with her and her smiles. I love her and I miss her



susan boulanger - December 11, 2024 at 12:25 PM

CR

“ *Barb my friend you will be missed deeply*



Crysta - December 11, 2024 at 10:29 AM