



Barbara Ann Hayes Martin RIP 8/25/2024

Barbara A. Martin of North Potomac, MD passed away at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, MD after a brief illness. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph F. Hayes and Katherine M. Hayes, (nee Moriarty); beloved wife of the late Edward J. Martin; devoted mother of Linda M. McGowan (Joseph), Deborah A. Martin, Nancy J. Martin (Patricia), and Edward J. (“Jay”) Martin, Jr.; sister of Richard J. Hayes (Ellin, both deceased), Joan Gustavsen (Peter) of Boise, ID, and Rena Hayes of Medford, MA; loving aunt to many nieces, nephews and their families; and in-law to the extended McGowan family.

Barbara grew up in West Medford, Massachusetts and spent time on Cape Cod in the summers as a child, and then for the Martin family's annual summer vacation. An excellent student, she attended Tufts University and graduated with a degree in Government. She married Ed in 1958 and the young family moved to the D.C. area in the early 1960s when Ed joined the recently formed COMSAT. They raised their four children in the new Old Farm neighborhood off Montrose Road with many other young families. In Old Farm, Barbara enjoyed tennis, Garden Club, the Old Farm Swim Club, and walking to St. Elizabeth for daily Mass.

Barbara taught elementary school after college and was a long-time substitute teacher in Montgomery County. She was a real estate agent with W.C. & A.N. Miller, a White House Volunteer, and a gracious hostess. She was active with social and civic groups, including Potomac Echoes, St. Raphael’s Adult Club, Massachusetts Society, and political women’s clubs. She enjoyed a variety of social activities, U.S. and international travel, theater, trips with Kentlands Manor, and spending time with family and friends. In Ocean City, Barbara loved riding her bicycle and listening to the ocean on her condo balcony at English Towers.

Barbara had a friendly smile for everyone she met. She brought a sense of glass half-full, can-do optimism into all areas of her life. She was well known in the family for sending greeting cards for holidays throughout the year, often with her signature enclosure of festive cocktail napkins appropriate for the occasion.

Family will receive friends at Pumphrey Funeral Home, 300 W. Montgomery Ave, Rockville, MD on Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 3 to 6 p.m., and 11:00 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church on Friday, September 13, 2024. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Rachael Catholic Church, 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, MD on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. Interment to follow at Parklawn Memorial.