



Barbara Ann Laney

June 19, 1962 - February 22, 2023

Legacy of Love

Barbara Ann Laney was born on June 19, 1962 in Richmond, Virginia to Orion Laney and the late Alice Mozelle Laney. She departed this life on February 22, 2023, after a short illness.

Barbara graduated from George Wythe High School and received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Richmond. She worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia for over 40 years, and retired in September of 2021. She enjoyed her work and made several good friends over the course of her career.

Barbara enjoyed movies, playing "Words With Friends", traveling, and spending time with her family. She spent almost all of her vacations and holidays with some members of her family. Barbara was very competitive and loved playing sports. She bowled in leagues for several years, played ping pong, and competed in various other sports; but the sport she loved most was pickleball. Once introduced to this sport, Barbara played pickleball almost every day, and sometimes twice a day. She met several people while playing, many who would go on to become good friends.

Barbara leaves to cherish her loving memory, her father, Orion Laney; her

sister, Gwen Dandridge (Thomas); two brothers, Kenneth Laney (Rosaline), and Charles Laney (Janice); nine nieces and nephews: Corey Laney, Tiffany Jones, Desiree Laney, Courtney Laney, Mercedes Laney, Orion Laney, Anna Laney, Jennifer Dandridge, and Jessica Dandridge, and a devoted friend Raymond Ford; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

First Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery

8150 Walnut Grove Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Previous Events

Celebration of Life with livestreaming available

MAR 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Barbara Ann Laney, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Barbara Ann Laney*



March Funeral Homes - February 28, 2023 at 04:16 PM

JD

I was sad to hear about Barbara. It was more than 7 years ago that I first met her while playing pickleball. Playing with her and against her was a lot of fun, she's very athletic, very competitive, and she is missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with her many friends and loving family.

Jared Dieffenbach - March 02, 2023 at 10:44 PM

PI

“ *So sorry to hear of Barbara's illness & passing. My condolences to all of you. Pamela. R. Igweike*



Pamela Igweike - March 04, 2023 at 04:49 PM

MH

“ Reading through these memorial posts, I realize that I am echoing what so many are remembering about Barbara - her kindness, her smile, her talent. When I first started playing pickleball, Barbara was willing to play with me, a "newbie," and really helped me learn the game. One of the best lessons was being on the receiving end of one of her signature winning lob shots, which she delivered with that knowing grin of success. I truly miss her and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

Marcia Heizer

Marcia Heizer - March 04, 2023 at 12:33 PM

SS

“ My condolences to the family. I had the opportunity to meet Barbara on the courts when I began playing Pickleball. She was very welcoming with that shy smile. She made me feel welcome when I knew no one and worked with me. I send my blessings to all of you and with the support of Family and Friends, the heavy hearts will get lighter as the days, months and years go by.

Sandra Silas

Sandra Silas - March 02, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Laney.



March 02, 2023 at 05:18 PM

SV

“ I was fortunate to play with and against Barb on the pickleball courts over the years at Harry Daniels & CTC. She was so kind and friendly. I will miss her wry smile. Gone too soon. Rest in peace.

Steve Vozza - March 02, 2023 at 12:21 PM

CS

“ Sorely missed. I wish I could play a gnat or with you one more time at Rockwood....even if I had to chase a job and then break an ankle trying to get back to the net for your short drop shot. Sorry if I ever had a bad line call! ;). You were the first I always wanted to play against to get better. Thank you for being so gracious to crush me! Lol. It does not seem right, so perhaps there is a bigger Pickleball plan where you are now that they needed you sooner than later. I wish they could have waited longer. #forBarb

Chrishawn Spackman - March 02, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ Barbara was such a kind soul. I knew her from pickleball. I was such a newbie and she helped me so much with helpful hints. God bless her and your family.

Peggy Lankenau - March 02, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Laney.



March 02, 2023 at 10:17 AM

TD

“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss. We met Barbara playing pickleball and always enjoyed playing with and against her. She was quick with a smile and always up for a game. She will be truly missed by our pickleball family.*

*May she rest in peace in the house of our Lord.
Tina and Paul DiBello*

Tina H Dibello - March 02, 2023 at 08:30 AM

LW

“ Barb was such a wonderful person, and I feel blessed to have been a friend of hers. We met at Rockwood Park on the pickleball courts several years ago. It was so nice to have a friend who was just as addicted to the sport as I was. We would play until we were exhausted in the morning, yet somehow we would muster up the energy to go back in the afternoon. We would send Barb a text asking her to come back, and she would always respond with something like "OK, I'll come for a few games".....if you have ever played pickleball you know that nobody comes for just a few games!

Barb was deceivingly quiet, yet so full of personality. Her smile was beautiful, and her laugh was contagious. Barb was an excellent pickleball player, and everyone wanted to be on her team instead of playing against her! She could "trash talk" on the courts with the best of them, and she certainly earned that right as she had some amazing shots that very few could return. It was so funny to watch someone play against Barb for the first time. You could just watch the expression on their face and know they had underestimated her, and they were getting ready to be schooled!

Prayers for Barb's family and friends. She was one special lady, and it was an honor to have known her. Barb will be deeply missed!

Deepest sympathy,
Lynda Wray

Lynda Wray - March 02, 2023 at 08:14 AM

LG

“ I knew Barbara through pickleball. She was always fun to play with and against. She was so sweet and always had a smile. She will be missed by so many. I pray for peace and strength during this difficult time.

Laura Guess

Laura Guess - March 02, 2023 at 07:50 AM

CM

“ *I only knew Barbara through Pickleball but always enjoyed her loving smile and generous attitude. I will miss her.* ”

Cecile B Mock - March 02, 2023 at 07:43 AM

BS

“ *My condolences to the family. I only knew Barb for a short time, but I felt like she was a lifelong friend. I met her playing pickleball and she was one of my favorite playing partners. We enjoyed many fun times on the court and I will miss her. Barb was caring, friendly, and easy going. I know she will be resting in peace.* ”

Bryan Still - March 02, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Laney.* ”



March 02, 2023 at 07:06 AM

CR

“ *To the Family of Barbara Ann Laney,*

I just wanted to extend my prayers and condolences to each one of you. Just keep your head up and know that God got you all. Keep holding onto God's unchanging hands and he will guide your path.

Love,

*Carletta Randolph
GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1979*



Carletta Randolph - March 01, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Laney.*



March 01, 2023 at 02:51 PM

TP

“ *To the Family of Barbara Laney: I pray that God give you peace, bring comfort & courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Theresita (Terri) Pleasants-Lewis, Bits & Pieces Bowling League.*

Theresita Pleasants-Lewis - February 28, 2023 at 09:01 PM

WQ

“ *My friend: Sometimes it's hard to see through our tears. But even when we can't see, God has promised to be there loving us, strengthening us and giving us what we need to face each day.*
Heartfelt Sympathy William Quarles

William Quarles - February 28, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Laney.*



February 28, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - February 28, 2023 at 04:16 PM

BH

Barb was such a pleasure to play with on the Pickleball court. A string player and a sweet friend. I will miss her.

Barbara Hornsby - March 02, 2023 at 08:24 AM

LS

I have known Barbara since her very first day of pickleball, probably 10+ years ago, when I encouraged her to "just give it a try" at a Streets Alive event in Richmond. She seemed a little shy and reluctant, at first, but with a little encouragement I could see she had a real gift for it. The rest is history. She joined us at the Rockwood Courts, played in a League of Their Own, and went on to play in and win some tournaments. She was always kind, as well as, a real competitor. It was such a mutually satisfying relationship.... Barbara and pickleball. I always had a good feeling just seeing her face at all the countless locations where she played. She will be remembered and missed by so many of us. I praise God for bringing Barbara into my life, even for such a short time. Our condolences to her family and may God give you Peace and Comfort. Linda and Dave Scott

Linda Scott - March 02, 2023 at 11:45 AM

KT

To Barb's family, Prayers and Condolences to you all. I knew Barb through Pickleball. What a wonderful lady, I will miss her.

Karen Thomas - March 02, 2023 at 01:21 PM

GM

I got to know Barb through pickleball also. She would always try and help me and others with our game. She was a great friend and I just wish she had been able to enjoy her retirement and still be out on the courts playing the game and lobbing that ball over all our heads and giving me that look when I would ask her (do you think I will ever be as good of a pickleball player as you and she would grin at me and say maybe, if you would stop talking and try and focus Gail) Thoughts and prayers to the family and I know Barb's up in Pickleball Heaven teaching everyone how to lob that ball there. I miss you so much friend. At least you are suffering no more.

Gail McDaniel

Gail McDaniel - March 02, 2023 at 01:37 PM