



Barbara Ann Zalmanek

January 27, 1942 - June 12, 2017

Barbara Ann (Beseda) Zalmanek, 75, of Milano entered into her eternal rest on Monday, June 12, 2017. After a brave and courageous fight with pancreatic cancer, Barbara passed away peacefully at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Temple, surrounded by family and friends.

Barbara was born January 27, 1942 in the New Tabor community of Burleson County to Frank and Bessie (Story) Beseda. Her family moved to Caldwell in 1948 so she could start school and she graduated from Caldwell High School in 1960. She married her husband of almost 57 years, Joe W. Zalmanek, on August 27, 1960. She was very artistic and loved to draw, paint, write, and tell stories. She loved nature and could make beautiful arrangements from sticks, limbs, leaves, and flowers. She enjoyed genealogy and worked on tracing her family tree for many years. She also loved to travel and was always up for an adventure. Her smile and sense of humor made her a lasting friend to all who knew her.

She worked in several different occupations during her life – working as a teacher's aide at Caldwell High School, managing the Koffee Klatch in Bryan TX, and running a bed-and-breakfast at the Beseda House, to name a few; but her favorite occupation and best accomplishment was teaching her children and grandchildren. She taught them to read, cook, sew, crochet, embroider, twirl, write, and do math. Knowledge was important to her and she

made every outing a learning experience.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Bessie Beseda; and two infant daughters, Suzanne Zalmanek and Amy Nicole Zalmanek.

Survivors include her husband of almost 57 years, Joe. W. Zalmanek of Milano; two daughters, Janna Jill (Ken) Fisher of Caldwell, and Christie Leigh (Rusty) Robinson of Buffalo; five siblings, Alice (Jose) Tafur of Spring, Marvin (Judy) Beseda of Caldwell; Shirley (Frank) Kristof of Caldwell, Caron (Gary) Emola of Bryan, and Sharon Beseda of Caldwell; five grandchildren, Rush Robinson of Dallas, Avery Robinson of Dallas, Coleman Robinson of Houston, Cannon Robinson of Buffalo, and Will Fisher of Caldwell; numerous nephews, nieces, other relatives, and many friends.

Friends and family are invited to attend a short celebration of her life at the Caldwell Masonic Cemetery Pavilion on Saturday, July 8, at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Barbara Zalmanek to the Caldwell Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 172, Caldwell, TX 77836.

Cemetery Details

Caldwell Masonic Cemetery

1411 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Caldwell, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a wonderful woman. I meet many people through my job but she is one of those that touches your heart. I truly want to be more like her. She could tell a story that would have you in stitches and always put a funny twist on the situation. My heart hurts for all of you knowing how much her presence blessed all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,
Tonya Dees*

Tonya Dees - July 08, 2017 at 07:41 AM

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“ *There are no words that can express what I feel; my love, adoration and respect for a wonderful person.*

Michael Worthington .. she always called me Michael.

Michael Worthington - July 04, 2017 at 03:20 PM

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“ *Aunt Barbara was our baby sitter and neighbor before she became our aunt, marrying our Uncle J. One time she had baby set all 5 of us and I think it was her and Alice watching us and Aunt Barbara got us to sleep and she feel asleep and the next thing she knew, my daddy was crawling through the window. He scared her, and she scared him!! We just talked about this last week. We still got a good laugh out of it. Aunt Barbara was a true lady and loved our Uncle J so much. They had a wonderful blessed life together. She will be surely missed. I loved her so very much and she was so excited when my daughter was born on their anniversary. I'll always cherish all the memories we had with her close in my heart ❤️. RIP my dear Auntie. Love n kisses.*

Jeanie Worthington Marshall - June 16, 2017 at 02:50 PM