

Sister Barbara Brady

Entered eternal life on January 2, 2019

Our family is deeply grateful to Sister Barbara's caregivers for their loving and excellent care. Last week I met Tashiina, head nurse Tracy, Sr. Rosemary, Sr. Claire Mary, Denise, Jennifer, and Allison. We celebrated Mass, followed by lunch with Sr. George, Sr. Pat, Sr. Agnes Gregory, and aunt Barbara. We appreciate your patience as you lovingly cared for aunt Barbara in all aspects of her personality.

Aunt Barbara had a great impact on our lives. She was our father's only sister and would come to Cleveland to visit us. In 1955, Sister Barbara entered the Sisters of Charity, but continued to remain close to the family.

Sister Barbara taught me a love of travel. She came to visit us in Japan, along with my sister Eileen and nephew, Charlie. Being in the plane with aunt Barbara for more than 11 hours and then being whipped through the streets of Tokyo was quite an experience. Dan remembers fondly how she fell asleep in the wheelchair when we visited the Big Buddha of Kamikura.

Aunt Barbara was especially proud of being Brittany's godmother. She was a doting aunt to all of her nieces and nephews and remembered everyone's birthday, even her two-year-old grandnephew. Aunt Barbara taught us the value of writing letters, and how important it is to enjoy family. We remember performing in shows with our cousins and traveling to funerals, weddings and all the anniversaries of Sister Barbara as a Sister of Charity.

We wouldn't have all the pictures we have if it weren't for Aunt Barbara who was always ready with a camera. She took Julie and me to Madison Square Garden and the Jersey Shore. She was a wonderful aunt to my sisters Julie, Eileen, Maggie and me. She was usually smiling and laughing as she told stories about the students she interacted with at school. She loved dogs and was fortunate to live at St. Augustine when they had Jigsy 1 and Jigsy 2. She loved Charles Schultz' Snoopy and the Peanuts characters. Sister Barbara was an amazing basketball player. She continued playing as a Sister in her full habit. We would have loved to have seen that! We discovered she was nicknamed "Big Barb," not because of her height, but because she undoubtedly was an effective principal.

Aunt Barbara was an avid sports fan and loved the New York Knicks and the Cleveland Indians. She enjoyed pizza, but it had to have anchovies.

Aunt Barbara was a teacher, counselor and principal. She cared for her ailing parents by leaving New Jersey and living in Cleveland until their passing. As her health declined, she became a resident of The Villa at Florham Park.

Our family is grateful to God for the Sisters of Charity. My husband Dan and I have fond memories of one particular sister, who though we never met, has made a lasting impression. She kindly gave us a wedding candle with the inscription "Karen and Dan, May you be one in Christ." Recently we found out that the sister who gave us the candle was Sister Grace Mary Walsh, an artist who taught at the College of Saint Elizabeth and who now rests in God's eternal presence.

Thank you for all your care and for all you did for Sister Barbara. May she rest in peace!



Karen Kranyak,
niece of Sister Barbara