



Barbara Kelsey Martin

June 23, 1925 - April 2, 2015

Barbara Kelsey Martin, 89 of Tinton Falls, NJ, formerly of Rockville Centre, NY, on April 2, 2015, left us, after a long and blessed life.

Barbara was born in Brooklyn, NY on June 23, 1925. She graduated from James Madison High School and Cornell University. A woman ahead of her time, she was courageous enough to do what she wanted to do: fly a plane, be a scientist or raise a family.

Barbara was married to the late Francis P. Martin MD and together they raised a family of caring and service - minded children. She worked tirelessly to provide a solid, creative and intellectually stimulating home. She loved to read, and complete the New York Times crossword puzzles (in pen!), appreciated the simple joys, but, most of all, she loved her family.

Barbara is survived by eleven of her twelve children: Katherine (Louis), Kensington, MD; Therese, Ellensburg, WA; Dr. Francis Jr. (Nora), Milton, DE; Dr. Jeanne (Charles), Columbia , MD ; Deborah (Robert), Accord, NY; James, Alexandria, VA; Thomas (Rachael) Wenatchee, WA; Lawrence, Monmouth Beach, NJ; Kenneth (Erica), Peekskill, NY; Margaret (James) , North Smithfield, RI; Daniel (Darlene), Aquidneck Island, RI; grandchildren: Matthew, Laurence, Katherine, Amanda, Duane, Kelsey, Erin, Ryan, Meghan, Laura, Daniel, Sasha, Maria, T.J., Robert, James, Kenneth, Dyan, Damaris, Ann Marie, Elizabeth, and Abigail, great grand children : Nicholas, Emily and Giordano, nieces and nephews, other family and friends and her beloved and trusted companion, Thai: the feisty Siamese cat.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband, Francis P. Martin MD, and their daughter, Barbara Frances Kelsey.

A memorial mass will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday June 26, 2015 at St Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570. Burial of cremains will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y. on Saturday June 27. Funeral arrangements were handled by Bongarzone Funeral Home, Tinton Falls NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden-Children's Garden. www.bbg.org.

Tribute Wall



“ Our most sincere condolences to the Martin family. Mrs. Martin was a very nice and social person, may God give you all serenity and consolation.

Mark and Maria Votta
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Maria Votta - April 06, 2015 at 07:59 PM



“ Mom left us on April 2nd... She was a wonderful and courageous woman. We had a small celebration (with immediate family-if you could call that small) of her life with prayers and memories this past Saturday, but we are planning a memorial for her shortly after what would have been her 90th birthday in June. We miss her.

Deborah Martin - April 06, 2015 at 02:35 PM



So sorry for your loss Deb, I know how much she means to you.

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Hello to all,
Thinking of you and holding you in prayer. Do you think it was a coincidence that PBS aired National Parks these past few days? I am most grateful for her presence in my life. She taught me so much about courage - faithfulness - and above all love. Thank you for time I was able to spend with her.
Love to all and of course Thai...
Donna (Sr. from SBV)

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Deborah Martin - April 06, 2015 at 02:25 PM

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“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in
memory of Barbara Kelsey Martin*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - April 05, 2015 at 12:25 PM