



## Barbara K. Flexer

January 8, 2022

Barbara K. Flexer, 89, of Lancaster, passed into the arms of her Savior Jesus, on January 8, 2022. Born in Reading, PA, she was the daughter of the late John Rau and Thelma (Troutman) Koenig. She shared 67 years of loving marriage with her husband, Paul.

Barbara graduated from Reading High School in 1949 and Kutztown State Teachers College in 1952 and earned a Ph. D. at Temple University in 1980. Her teaching experience ran the gamut from first graders to doctoral students.

Retirement from a pharmaceutical marketing research firm saw a move from Huntingdon Valley, PA to Rehoboth, DE. She spent her remaining years living at Woodcrest Villa in Lancaster, PA with Paul.

The greatest joy in Barbara's life was her beloved family. Each summer for five years, she and Paul hosted Cousin's Camp at their home in Rehoboth- a week of scheduled camp activities for their grandchildren. Also, they took grandchildren with them on many of their international tours and cruises.

Barbara's hobbies evolved from sewing and needlework early in life to building dollhouses in mid-life to genealogy and scrapbooking in her later years.

In addition to her husband, Barbara is survived by three daughters and their husbands: Lisa and Stuart Ragland of Columbia, MD; Leslie and Michael Allen of Elizabethtown, PA; Lori and Glen Rowe of Charlotte, NC; and her brother, John Rau Koenig of Millville, PA.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Janet (Koenig) Dark. She leaves behind nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benevolent Care Fund of Mennonite Home Communities, 1520 Harrisburg Pike Lancaster, PA.

# Tribute Wall

WP

“ *Sending love to Uncle Paul, cousins Lisa, Leslie, and Lori, and their families. I have such fond memories of family gatherings in PA and Rehoboth Beach as we were growing up. I was so fortunate to spend 2 weeks with Barbara, Lisa, and Mom on our Viking cruise adventure over a decade ago. What fun it was! I will also treasure the family history binder she gave to mom. Such love and dedication went into creating it. Barbara was a special woman and will be missed. Peace and blessings to all.*

*Love, Wendy*



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**Wendy Polich** - January 14, 2022 at 01:27 PM

TJ

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Paul and to Lisa, Leslie and Lori and their families and to John on the loss of BJ. We have so many wonderful memories of family get togethers.  
God grant you peace and comfort knowing that BJ is at peace.  
Love  
Tom and Yvonne James*

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**Tom & Yvonne James** - January 11, 2022 at 10:07 AM

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“ It was a privilege to have Barbara as a Sister-in-law. When my husband and I retired to Rehoboth Beach we celebrated lots of good times together.

*She will now be walking with her Saviour Jesus in Heaven!*

*Love, Gerald & Mary Graczyk*

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**Gerald & Mary Graczyk** - January 10, 2022 at 03:15 PM

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“ I am fortunate to have as a wonderful friend, Barbara's daughter Leslie. I was privileged to be welcomed to Barbara and Paul's home in Rehoboth on several occasions. I love dollhouses, and was thrilled to experience all the beautiful homes and creativity and history that Barbara put into them. I have to say I was in dollhouse heaven. Barbara is a smart, creative, funny, lovely lady who raised some beautiful daughters. Love to Paul, all the family, and friends who will miss her here. She'll be waiting to see you in eternity.

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**Wendy Koch** - January 09, 2022 at 10:08 PM

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*I met Barbara (who I called B.J.) in college but really got to know her when we taught school in Reading, Pa. at Thirteenth and Union. That first summer we took a trip with three other girls to Los Angeles, CA. That was where she first met my brother Paul as he helped us pack up the car. When we got there, we found work for a month. She as a secretary to a man who was inventing the flashbulb and me as a waitress. There we wrote to Paul for brotherly advice about things young girls need advice on. When it was time to return, we had the good luck of driving a car back belonging to a chaplain friend of B.J.'s family who was heading overseas. B.J. didn't have a license and I wasn't that experienced a driver. He was a man of great faith. Needless to say, we made it back OK. Paul began dating B.J. when we returned, and they were married the next summer thus I lost my travel partner.*

*B.J. was a wonderful sister-in-law. She was very intelligent, talented and provided wonderful cousins for my children. She and Paul were a perfect match, and I couldn't have wished for a better wife for my brother. She was also very organized and provided the know-how for two wonderful trips we took to Europe together. Without her my life would have been less rich. I will miss her.*

*Love, Kitty*

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**Kathryn Polich** - January 11, 2022 at 03:15 PM