

BARBARA K. NICHOLAS



Barbara Anne (Knauff) Nicholas passed peacefully in her sleep, September 17, just one week shy of her 92nd birthday. Barbara's warmth, wit and elegance made her beloved by her family and friends. Born in Niagara Falls, New York, she attended the Park School in Buffalo, Radcliffe College, and went on to earn a master's in public health from the University of Pittsburgh later in life. She had a passion for

music and created a well-researched and entertaining presentation on the early American Musical Theatre that she shared with many groups over the years. Barbara's interest in music and theatre led her to her first job with the Cleveland Playhouse, where she met and married the love of her life, John Jeffrey Nicholas, a medical student at Case Western Reserve. Following Jeff's medical career meant several moves to different states, where Barbara's eye for design turned each home into an elegant residence. Her wit could be silly or acerbic, but never mean. Her beloved Maine coon cat was named Kitty Bunkport, and her beloved Westie was Duncan, King of the Scots. Barbara was an avid bridge player and tennis player on teams at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, and was a 16-and-under regional badminton doubles champion in New York State. Feeling peripheral to the family "band," she took up the clarinet at the age of 50. She was for several years president of the Pittsburgh Harvard/Yale /Princeton club. She and her husband Jeff spent many happy hours traveling, visiting and hosting their children and grandchildren, exploring the Adirondacks, and enjoying friends, particularly through a Pittsburgh-based gourmet club. Barbara leaves behind three children, Matthew, John (and spouse Kathy) and Sara (and spouse Steve) and four grandchildren, Charlotte, Tess, Lara and Kathleen, all who share her love of sports and music; sister-in-law, Ann Johnson, and her Hinckley and Johnson nieces and nephews. She will be truly missed. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to The Park School in Buffalo, New York. <https://theparkschool.org/giving/ways-of-giving>.

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