



## Barbara K. Rhodes

February 25, 1934 - April 23, 2008

View Barbara's Video Tribute [Barbara Kelly Rhodes](#), 74, of Deptford, NJ died on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at her home with the love of family surrounding her. Born in Rome, New York in 1934, to Pauline and Rushton Dennis Kelly, she graduated from Holland Patent High School before marrying Air Force officer Robert Nies Rhodes and traveling as a military spouse. She was co-founder and vice president for the Coalition of Families, worked closely with the ARC of Burlington County in New Jersey. Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Robert Rhodes; three siblings, Patricia (Kelly) Baer of Ada, MI, Laura (Kelly) Scarpelli of Carlsbad, Ca, and Dennis Kelly of Washington, NH; three daughters, Diana (Rhodes) Cook of Phoenix, NY, Paula Rhodes of Atlanta, GA, Danielle Rhodes of Lumberton, NJ, and one son, Michael Nies Rhodes of Westville, NJ, their spouses, Stephen R.Cook and Dawn (Rosario) Rhodes; grandchildren Amber, Brittany, Jocelyn and Chad Cook, and Rushton and Gavin Rhodes, all of whom she loved dearly.. Memorial Services to be held on Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Westville, NJ with a two hour visitation prior to services. Interment at Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged in her memory to the ARC of Burlington County, 115 E. Broad St., Burlington, NJ 08106 or Samaritan Hospice, 5 Eves Drive, Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara K. Rhodes*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Rhodes Family. I've met her in person a few time when Daniell brought her to the job. She was a very sweet lady. God bless her.*

**Pauline Russ** - May 13, 2008 at 05:02 PM



“ *May 3, 2008 we closed a chapter in my mother's life. Now a new chapter has been opened that will never closed, for in this chapter I asked all who loved and respected my mom to take sometime in your life to help someone in need or someone you know who could use a little TLC. For this is what my mom was all about, and by doing a little something to help someone we will never have to close this chapter.*

*I would like to take this time to THANK ALL who showed their love and respect for my mom. My family and I have been touched to see the power of love for my mom.*

*I thank my mom for showing me how to be a better person, and yet she did this not through words, but through example. I can only hope to make a toe print in this world to match the footprint that she has made.*

*God Bless You All !!!*

**Michael Rhodes** - May 04, 2008 at 09:02 AM

CD

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob and Barbara's family. She was a great person and we enjoyed knowing Bob and Barbara these past 30+ years. Regretfully we haven't kept in touch recently, but Barbara has been in our prayers during these past few months. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers during this difficult time.

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**Charlie & Lorraine DeBlasio** - May 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Bob and family, Our deepest sympathy to you all. Barbara will always be remembered and loved by the many families she has worked with and helped, including ours. She unselfishly gave hours of her own time, days and nights, advocating for the rights of so many disabled individuals. She was truly an angel on earth and we are all grateful to have known her.

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**George and Penny Robinson** - May 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ to any one who read this about barbara. she was a great mother-in-law , grandmother and friend. she was always there for you when ever you need her she would not ever say no to anyone if they ever needed help. i just wanted people to know how much we really love her.and she will be deeply miss by her friends , son, daughters and most important her grandchildren.

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**dawn rhodes** - May 02, 2008 at 10:30 PM

TW

“ *The world is a better place because of the efforts Barbara put forth. During her years as a leader of the Coalition of Families, she provided inspiration to many families. Our son is much better off as a direct result of the information Barbara shared with us. No one will be able to fill her shoes, but we will try our best to carry on her legacy. The loss of a loved one is something that one must learn how to live with. Bob, may God give you the strength to do so.*

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**Terry & Judy White** - May 02, 2008 at 10:15 PM

JB

“ *Dear Family.....we met B&B as we call them 20+ years ago, wow all the crab paries, Bianco parties and good times we had and have great memories...Barb was special, helping others through her knowledge of ARC, she was feisty, energetic, boy could she research things, not enough room for all the adjectives to describe Barbara. She really adored those Gran Kids. She played a disc over and over in her car when she had the kids...it was "you are special" by Mr Rogers...Bob we are here for you during these tough days ahead...we may become annoying...Sincerely..The Brown Family*

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**Jim Brown** - May 02, 2008 at 12:09 PM

PB

“ *Many loving, happy memories of Aunt Barb. My heart goes out to all of you, may you have God's strength. I know that Barb was someone who showed what could be done with strength and love throughout her whole life. -Paul*

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**Paul Benjamin** - May 02, 2008 at 08:59 AM

JJ

“ It was a privilege to know Barbara in recent years through the Coalition of Families. We had similar interests - projects and advocacy for those with special needs - but she was outstanding. She was truly wonderful in every way. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

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**Jean Jennings** - May 01, 2008 at 09:26 PM

KH

“ What a joy Barbara has been! Her spirit will whisper in our ears when we need a champion's coaching, just faster without her earthly constraints.

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**Kati Belko, Carl Helveston** - May 01, 2008 at 10:41 AM

NE

“ I did not know barbara very long. I only met her at their reunions. She would make you feel like she had know you all her life. A very frindly person. Mary Bader Ernest, husband

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**nick ernest** - April 30, 2008 at 08:55 PM

EM

“ Dear Michael, Dawn and family,  
Ed and I want you to know how very sorry we were to hear about Barbara. I know that she fought a good fight and that it was a very difficult time for all of you.  
Unfortunately, we will be babysitting out of town this weekend, but we want you to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers during these very sad days.  
With our love and deepest sympathy,  
Ed and Eileen McManus

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**Eileen McManus** - April 30, 2008 at 12:32 PM

PK

“ We have many wonderful memories of Barb. Paul went to school with her from kindergarten through graduation. Gerry was also in the same class. She was a wonderful person. Our last time to see her was at the 55th class re-union, and also about one year ago at Charlie Anken's in FL when he took us to Tarpon Springs, such good memories of that day. Please accept our sincere sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!

Paul & Gerry Klossner - April 29, 2008 at 08:41 PM

GW

“ It's hard to imagine Barbara not being here. I last saw her a few months ago at a dinner with friends and she was doing very well. We have so many wonderful memories with Barbara("That's What Friends are For"). She was certainly special and I feel lucky to have known her. Gloria

Gloria Watson - April 29, 2008 at 05:04 PM

EC

“ Dear Bob, We were so sorry to hear of your great loss. Barbara was a wonderful, beautiful person, a great friend and classmate. We are so very happy that she was able to attend our 55th class reunion last summer. I will always remember her playing the church organ at our wedding at St. Leo's church in Holland Patent, NY. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Edith Shaler Perez, classmate - April 29, 2008 at 02:59 PM

SP

“ Many tears are being shed, but we all have to remember Barbara's love of life. Her family always came first, friends second and giving to others a tie. She will be remembered by all. Sincerely, Sally

Sally Perkins - April 29, 2008 at 11:26 AM

AC

“ Dear Bob and Family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Fifty two wonderful years you have shared and I am sure that they have been very good years that you will keep in your heart and memory always.  
I hope the good Lord will comfort you and your family.  
Sincerely, Ann Conner

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**Ann Thompson Conner** - April 28, 2008 at 10:30 PM

DC

“ Just wanted to express my sorrow at the passing of this great spirit. Barbara helped my family with placing my autistic grandson in a wonderful place where he could be safe and happy against great odds. I never met her but she has been an inspiration to me and a blessing.

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**Diane Cawley** - April 28, 2008 at 03:49 PM

HB

“ Dear Danielle and Family, I am Charlene Flynn's Sister and I just wanted to let you know that Barbara was loved in our family as well as Danielle is. Barbara was a shining example of love, kindness and strength. Our Family thanks you for sharing Barbara with us. She will be gathered in our Lords loving arms and comforted. An will always be in our hearts.

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**Helen Bohlen** - April 28, 2008 at 02:59 PM

PW

“ *Bob & Family:*  
*Words cannot say how much I miss Barbara. Thank you for letting me have the privilege of sitting w/ her during her last days. It was a time I will cherish. She was loved by many, especially those she helped in her own special way -- she will be missed by all. Don't know who could take her place -- she was one of a kind. As always you have our love and prayers. And as Barbara would say at the end of her message "And God Bless America". Pat*

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**Pat Wisniewski** - April 28, 2008 at 12:42 PM

SM

“ *Bob and family, Ken and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Barbara was a legend in her own right, she made a difference and made the world a better place, she will be missed by all that knew her.*

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**Susan Marschke** - April 28, 2008 at 10:18 AM

RS

“ *Barbara defined beauty and grace. From the moment she entered our community, she gave 110% effort toward making it even better than when she and Bob moved here. She was a driving inspiration to those of us who worked with her on community projects. Her dignity and determination were never more evident than when she faced her final battle with cancer. She was our steel magnolia. I will miss her.*

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**Rosemary Salmon** - April 27, 2008 at 06:51 PM

KF

“ Uncle Bob and family; I loved Aunt Barbara so much and I know she loved me. She would have done ANYTHING for me. I think of her everyday and I still can't believe she is gone. She told me more than enough that I was growing into such a beautiful young lady and I want to live to make her proud, I know she is looking down watching me. I will never forget her smiling face. I love you! Kelci

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**Kelci Flynn** - April 27, 2008 at 05:49 PM

JR

“ Dear Bob and family, Michael and I are so very sorry for your loss. This is a great loss for all of us too as we all loved Barbara for her spirit and kindness and her determination. You will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come. God bless you. Joan and Michael.

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**Joan Reynolds** - April 27, 2008 at 04:45 PM

AU

“ Bob. Absent from the body ...present with the Lord. Our love & prayers are with you & your family.

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**AL & DOTTIE ULRICH** - April 27, 2008 at 04:19 PM

JN

“ Dearest Bob, my girlfriend Danielle, and family:  
I cannot tell you how saddened I was by the news. To me (and many others) Barbara was truly a legend! She did so very much to help others and enjoyed herself while she was doing so. Through the years she was not only a mentor, but always a friend. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Always know that Barbara will be remembered fondly and with love. I can honestly say that Barbara Rhodes was my "American Idol"! Love you, Jo Jo & Katie

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**Jo Ann Mc Namee** - April 27, 2008 at 10:40 AM