

Barbara P. Secreto August 06, 1947 - September 23, 2022

Barbara P. Secreto, of Poughkeepsie, formerly of Newburgh, entered into rest on Friday, September 23, 2022. She was 75.

Daughter of the late John and Gloria (Chipman) Van Antwerp, she was born August 6, 1947 in North Vernon, Indiana.

Barbara grew up and raised her family in Brooklyn, NY with her High School Sweetheart Anthony before moving to the Orange County, NY area. She was a career Licensed Beautician and former Real Estate Agent for 10 years. Barbara, woman of faith, was a member of Jesus is Lord Church before merging with Hudson Valley Christian Church, were she has been a very active member 20+ years. She was an ordained minister and did missionary work all over the world with Teen Challenge. She also spent time in India spreading the word of God, Nepal where her life mission was to build a Church for Christians, and she spent 10+ years traveling to Israel helping women, children, and holocaust survivors. She continued to share her knowledge all over the world teaching Hair Cutting to benefit Women in need and Senior Citizens.

Barbara was a compassionate woman who cared for everyone she met from all walks of life. She lived each day for her family, she was a loving Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. Her survivors include two sons, Richard Secreto of Newburgh, Christopher Secreto of Plattekill and one daughter, Emma Kallett of San Deigo, CA; two brothers, Peter Van Antwerp of Matawan, NJ and Nicholas Nespoli of AZ; two sisters, Gloria Van Antwerp of Jackson, NJ and Jeannie Adams of Cummings, GA; five grandchildren, Brittney, Derick, Patrick, Jacob and Victor; five great grandchildren, Dominick, Hailey, Anthony, Gabriella and Adelina; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband, Anthony Secreto; a Daughter, Gina who passed shortly after birth; a brother, Charles Cuomo and a sister, Frances Marmorosa.

Visitation for family and friends will be Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at White, Venuto and Morrill Funeral and Cremation Service, 188 N. Plank Road, Newburgh, NY 12550, followed by a brief prayer service at 7:00 pm.

Private cremation will then take place at Cedar Hill Crematory.

A Funeral Service will take place 10:00 am, Saturday, October 1, 2022 at the Hudson Valley Christian Church, 100 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550 with Pastor Michael Negron officiating.

Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, New Windsor. Repast to follow at Hudson Valley Christian Church following the burial.

Donations in Barbara's memory can be made to the Hudson Valley Christian Church, 100 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550.

## Cemetery

Events	WOODLAWN CEMETERY	Route 94, New Windsor, NY 12553
28 Sep	VISITATION 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	White, Venuto & Morrill Funeral and Cremation Service 188 North Plank Road, Newburgh, NY 12550
28 Sep	PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 PM	White, Venuto & Morrill Funeral and Cremation Service 188 North Plank Road, Newburgh, NY 12550
1 Oct	FUNERAL SERVICE 10:00 AM	Hudson Valley Christian Church 100 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

### **Tribute Wall**

# B Barbara Cooperman

She was my best friend a Godly woman with a heart the size of Texas. I knew much of her beautiful family. She loved them dearly. Condolences to all her family. You are on my heart and in my prayers. Love...Hannah Terri Pease

Proverbs 10:7says, "The memory of the righteous is blessed." "The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance." Psalm 112:6 "Remember them that had the rule over you, men that spake to you the Word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7 What an encouragement and what a comfort we can find in the memory of Barbara whose example and testimony does us so much good!We shall not cease to bless God for it to the end of our days. Being surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses we are strongly encouraged to walk faithfully as she did, in her Saviour's footsteps. (Hebrews 12:1,2) Moreover, those righteous ones whom we remember are in Christ, as we are by faith. She, the same as us, are members of the body of the Lord, in which reigns an eternal unity which nothing can destroy. We commit Barbara to God with an extra confidence, knowing that, in His arms, she is marvellously kept and comforted. It is to Him alone that we can go at all times to pour out our sorrow, our desires, in our need of communion and consolation. It is not told to us what the Lord makes known to those who are now in His presence, awaiting the reunion and the resurrection. But it is enough for us to feel kept and united together by the powerful hand of the One who is all and in all. It is in this sense that we understand the passage in Hebrews 12:22-24. We have come by faith, not to Mount Sinai, kindled by the fire of the divine justice, but to the mountain of the heavenly Jerusalem, made accessible by the blood of sprinkling. Found there, with the myriads of the angels, are "the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven and...the spirits of just men made perfect." It is a great consolation to us to know that, as a believer, Barbara gone on before us is already in glory in the heavenly places to which we ourselves are carried away with the Lord even now in spirit and by faith. Ephesians 2:6. And we rejoice in the thought that the present period of separation and of silence will not last long. Soon we will all be in the perfection and eternity of heaven. The last conversation I had with Barbara before she passed was amazing. There she was not feeling well, in a rehab and she was witnessing to others the love of God! She had found a stack of Gideon Bibles and was passing them out among the people, her fellow patients, and she was telling them of the love of God! We must continue her work! We must continue to tell others how much God loves them and that this is not the end for Barbara but the beginning. We must be ready for one day soon we will be with her again. I love you all and praying for all of you. God bless you. Terri



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#### Joseph Marmorosa

I've had the greatest experience with my aunt on many occasions, aunt Barbara always had time for me and never gave up on me. She always had kind words and lead me to the Lord. I'm truly going to miss her calling me and letting me know how much her and Jesus are here for me and how much they Loved me. Aunt Barbara I love you and will always remember how much you loved and cared about me.







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#### Jim Kallett

My love to the whole family. BarbaraMom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Sister, Aunt will be painfully missed. But she will be with all and will always remain a great inspiration by how she rose from the ashes of tragedy like a Phoenix, through her indomitable Faith and blessed friends, and how she lived her life: one of great Giving and Receiving, and Love.

