



Barbara Davies Cubbon

December 31, 1926 - December 27, 2017

Barbara “Babs” Davies Cubbon died peacefully at age 90 on December 27, 2017, only hours before her 69th wedding anniversary. Born in Youngstown on New Year’s Eve, she is survived by her beloved husband, Frank W. Cubbon, Jr.

The eldest of three children of Albert and Catharine Davies, her father was the superintendent of Youngstown’s Mill Creek Park and she grew up in the middle of the park. She loved the outdoors, and was a camper and camp counselor in her youth. After graduating a semester early from South High School, she earned her B.A. at Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, where she distinguished herself as one of few women to major in Economics. At Allegheny, she was a member of the Mu Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, serving as its president her senior year and making lifelong friends with her sorority sisters. More importantly, at Allegheny she met her future husband affectionately known as “Cub” and they married December 28, 1948. Babs and Cub moved to Durham, NC where they started their family as Cub attended Duke Law School for a year before transferring to the University of Toledo College of Law so he could work days and complete his education at nights. A beautiful portrait of Babs and Cub graces the Cubbon Moot Court Room at the UT College of Law, which Babs and Cub generously supported in a demonstration of their life-long commitment to both charity and education. Babs was proud to be a charter member of the Toledo Bar Association Auxiliary, yet another organization in which she made lifelong friends.

A loving wife and an equal partner in every respect in her marriage to Cub, Babs provided guidance and support as his practice of law grew—every trial's closing argument was tested on her before the jury heard it.

She raised nine kids who adored her and will miss her dearly. She was a constant source of love, guidance, and inspiration all the while serving as a fabulous cook, chauffeur, tutor, confidante, and so much more. Family and friends alike will remember wonderful times gathered around the dinner or picnic table, with endless food and conversation! As time went on she was able to shower her gifts and talents on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, each of whom adored her.

In spite of her astounding flair for fashion and elegance, she had no trouble behind the wheel of a Winnebago, out raking oak leaves or tending her beautiful gardens. And in the days before fuel injection and remote starters, Babs was the one to go out and get all the cars started on snowy winter days—she had the touch! She was a lifelong fisher, enjoying countless trips to Canadian waters, arriving by car, train and even pontoon planes. Babs loved swimming her entire life, and taught each of her children and countless friends and neighbors to swim.

Always the first up and last down in her efforts to manage a very active house, when she could steal a moment away, Babs loved to golf with Cub as well as the ladies of Sylvania County Club. She scored three holes-in-one during her lifetime, which is precisely three more than the rest of the family combined! She was proud to win the SCC Ladies' Club Championship and golfed well into her 80s.

Babs was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Albert Edwards Davies, Jr., sister-in-law, Carol Davies, and sons William and Richard. She is lovingly survived by her husband, Frank, and children, Frank (Pam) Cubbon, III, Kay (Thomas) McArdle, Kyle (Spiros Cocoves) Cubbon, Stuart (Denise) Cubbon, Barbara (Eric) Beale, Amy (Mark) Bliton and Thomas Cubbon, along with her grandchildren, Kile (Michelle) McArdle, Megan (Bjorn) Hammer, Andrew McArdle, Tasso and Athena Cocoves, Jocelyn (Billy) DeMars, Stuart

(Christine) Cubbon, Jr., Natalie (Kevin) Crotte, Phillip Cubbon, William, Caitlin (Alex Mroz) and Joseph Cubbon, Emma, Audrey and Myles Beale, Jackson (Jen) and Chloe Bliton and Logan (Brittany) Cubbon, great-grandchildren Francie, Liv and Mae Hammer, Aiden McArdle, Quinn, Nora, and Billie Catherine DeMars, and Tommy Crotte as well as her brother, Richard (Jennifer) Davies and sister-in-law, Lou Davies, who was a true sister to her, and many loving nieces and nephews. Her later years were truly enhanced by her love for her darling dog, Lilly.

The family would like to thank the many who helped in her care in her final days, especially Shellcey Bailey and the entire staff at Ebeid Hospice.

A celebration of Babs' life will take place Sunday, December 31, 2017 at the Sylvania Country Club, 5201 Corey Road, Sylvania, Ohio from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with brief reflections at 12:30. Memorial contributions may be made to the Barbara D. Cubbon Endowed Business & Leadership Scholarship at Lourdes University, Citizens for Metroparks of Toledo or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Please view and sign the on-line guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Dear Uncle Frank and Cubbon Cousins,

The tribute to Aunt Babs is absolutely beautiful. The threads of our family were woven into the memories of a life that was richly lived. It brought tears to my eyes! How I will always remember the hearty laugh of Aunt Babs and her gracious ways. Our times together as an extended family were special, especially in later years at our gatherings at Lake Milton. Although my family has been reared in Delaware, each of our children has a special place in their heart for the state of Ohio. This is partly because of these family times spent with the Toledo clan.

Words cannot fully express our sorrow, but I am thankful that your family has many memories to cherish of your wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. May these memories comfort your family in the days ahead as you grieve your loss. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

*With much love,
Ann (Davies) Barlow*

Ann L Barlow - January 15, 2018 at 11:01 AM

MK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The last time I seen Babs was at Joyce Bondy's funeral. My Name is Mary Kendrick I cleaned her home with Barb Lubinski and also with Joyce. My prayers go out to you and God Bless*

Mary Kendrick - January 15, 2018 at 09:54 AM

EB

“ Frank,

Sylvia and I were very sorry to hear about BABS passing. We fondly remember our times of meeting at the Giant Eagle grocery store, We have fond memories of you and BABS and our prayers and thoughts go with you at this time. We are wishing you God's peace

Emmett and Sylvia

Emmett Beavers - January 02, 2018 at 08:33 PM

MK

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Babs' passing. Unfortunately, I can't attend today's memorial, but please accept my sincerest condolences. I know how much she will be missed.*

Marlo Kitchen

Marlo Kitchen - December 31, 2017 at 09:31 AM

MC

“ When I opened the paper and saw the photo of Babs, I just cried. So many memories swept through my brain. We go back to the 1960's when we swam in their pool along with cocktails on the deck. Our daughters loved The Cubbon Day Camp where they learned to ride horses and then there was the 4th of July Tornado that tore through the area. We women were in the house caring for the kids when the electricity went out. The men were out in the "sport cabin" at the end of the property oblivious of the storm, shooting pool or whatever!

Babs would come to our house on Halloween and we drank martinis and handed out candy while our kids went Trick or Treating. One mid May, she took me to Brandywine Country Club to play golf. The fairways were lined with white, puffy dandelion plants where I lost all of my balls and a lot of her's too!

She was a remarkable, loving, kind and fun woman with lots of class. She was a devoted mother and wife. Even her obit photo shows her beautiful smile and sparkling eyes.

She will be painfully missed by all.

It was a privilege to know her!

Marge Clark

Marge Clark - December 30, 2017 at 04:45 PM

KB

“ *"Call me Babs!" is the first thing I remember about meeting your darling mother when she warmly welcomed me into the family home. The greater the life force, the greater the loss felt and my sympathy to the entire Cubbon family at this sad time. Your tribute was beautifully written.*

Kathleen Eby Boudreau - December 30, 2017 at 10:16 AM

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Kathleen Eby Boudreau - December 30, 2017 at 10:18 AM

MS

“ Our condolences to the Cubbon family; husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren on the loss of you wife and mother. Her beautiful life and legacy will live on through each of you for generations to come.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this time and in the celebration of her wonderful life.

Mike and Marty Samborn

Michael Samborn - December 29, 2017 at 03:31 PM

DS

“ The warmth and welcoming of the Cubbon home was a big part of my happy childhood. Weather it was the countless sleepovers in the play room pumping that player piano or the hours in the pool, cottage and barn, I have such happy memories. I am saddened by the loss of Mrs. Cubbon and yet hope the family finds comfort in knowing she lived life so fully. She will be missed. A neighborhood kid--Debi Dilbone-Steils.

Debi Dilbone Steils - December 29, 2017 at 01:49 PM

LP

“ Cubbon family,
We are sorry to hear about the loss of your dear mother.
We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.



Linda Edelman Pezzino - December 29, 2017 at 10:36 AM