



Barbara Jane Manry Loesch

February 12, 1941 - February 20, 2025

Barbara Jane Manry Loesch died on February 20, 2025. Barbara was born February 12, 1941, in Jacksonville, Florida, to Daniel Smith Manry and Rossie Ann Carraway Manry.

She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville and attended Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia. She studied ballet in her formative years and became prima ballerina of the Jacksonville Civic Ballet Company at age 15.

She worked as a professional calligrapher and photographer in the 1980's and was owner and operator of a retail stationery and gift shop "The Write Impression" in Haile Village Center from 1996 to 2004. Always a lover of the arts, she enjoyed performing as a member of the Junior League of Gainesville's "Children's Theater" for many years. She served two years as president of the Danscompany of Gainesville and several years on its Board of Directors. She was a member of the United Church of Gainesville. Her hobbies included photography, genealogy research, and continued study of dance.

She is survived by her beloved husband Larry Loesch; treasured daughters, Jane Golde; Tracy Shubin; Julie (and Riley) Hernandez; and Stacey (and Danny) Dunn; cherished grandchildren Eli, Griffin, and Lila Golde; Jessie and

John Shubin; Hunter (and Blake and Rylee) Wright; Landy (and Evalese) Hernandez, and Ruby Hernandez; Maggie Dunn and Andrew Redmond, Katie, Claire and Allie Dunn; and sister, Ann Manry Kenyon of Jacksonville, FL, and brother Daniel Smith Manry, Jr. (deceased).

A Celebration of Life memorial service for Barbara will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 1:00 pm at the United Church of Gainesville, 1624 NW 5th Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90 Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

United Church of Gainesville
1624 NW 5th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32603
<https://ucgainesville.org/wordpress/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Shannon’s, Bernreuter’s, & Andy Hernandez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Jane Manry Loesch.



Shannon’s, Bernreuter’s, & Andy Hernandez - March 12, 2025
at 03:30 PM

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“ Shannon’s, Bernreuter’s, & Andy Hernandez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Jane Manry Loesch.

Shannon’s, Bernreuter’s, & Andy Hernandez - March 12, 2025 at 03:30 PM

MJ

“ Aunt Barbara always remembered my birthday and sent a sweet hand written card from her store. I will always remember her sweet, soft voice and beautiful smile! I love you and please tell my mother and papa Dana I said hello and that I love them.
Love always,
Matt Kenyon, jr.

Matt Kenyon, Jr - March 12, 2025 at 10:35 AM

MW

“ *Barbara was a long-time friend. One of my favorite memories of her was in our neighborhood coffee group which met on Monday mornings for several years at the restaurant in Haile Village. It was a very informal group; anyone was welcome. Although Barbara was the quietest person in the group, she was almost always the first one there and sat at the head of the table. When she did speak in her soft, gentle voice, everyone listened because what she said was often important and insightful. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

Mary Anne Wagnerr - March 01, 2025 at 08:23 AM