



Barbara O'Leary Cole

February 28, 1936 - November 23, 2021

The Lord called Barbara O'Leary Cole home on November 23rd. Barbara was born in Gary, Indiana, on February 28, 1936, and later moved with her family to Pittsburgh where she lived until 1979. She then moved to Harrisburg, PA, to take a position in Governor Thornburg's administration as the legislative liaison for the Department of Labor and Industry. There she met Richard and they married in Philadelphia in 1987.

Barbara is survived by her husband and best friend of 34 years Richard. In addition she is survived by her sister Carol Ireland and eight children: Mark O'Leary, Dan O'Leary, Simon O'Leary, Joseph O'Leary, Meghan O'Leary, Julie Preckel, Jennifer Smith, and Maria Cole. Barbara also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, one great granddaughter, and many good friends.

An avid animal lover, Barbara was involved in rescuing retired racing greyhounds. In the mid 90's Barbara realized a childhood dream when she received her first horse and began riding almost daily. She and Richard spent many vacations at various riding venues from Vermont to California.

In 2004, the Coles moved to The Villages, where Barbara continued her active lifestyle. After joining St. Vincent De Paul Church, Barbara became an Altar Server and ultimately became the coordinator of the ministry helping to train others to serve.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church on December 15th at 11:00 am. The Mass may be viewed via Livestream at the St. Vincent De Paul web site <https://sumtercatholic.org>. and click on " watch live"

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation www.cornerstonehospice.org

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