



## Barbara Creque

December 1, 1938 - January 11, 2026

Barbara Creque, born December 1, 1938, on St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 11, 2026, in The Villages, Florida, where she had resided since 1999. She lived a life defined by strength, service, faith, determination, and unwavering devotion to family and community.

Barbara was the eldest of three sisters, born to Frank and Alda Creque, and raised in St.

Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, where she developed a strong sense of responsibility,

independence, and pride in her roots. From an early age, she showed determination and

ambition—qualities that shaped every chapter of her life.

In 1959, Barbara graduated from St. Peter and Paul Catholic School and that same year, driven

by a desire to serve and forge her own path, she joined the United States Marine Corps.

Though her mother worried—as any loving parent would—Barbara's determination did not waiver.

From 1959 to 1961, Barbara proudly served as a U.S. Marine, completing

basic training at

Parris Island and spending most of her Marine career stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

At a time when few women served, her commitment reflected courage, discipline, and resilience.

After her honorable discharge, Barbara returned to St. Thomas, where she married Frank

LeCuyer and raised their three children—who were the center of her world.

In 1971, Barbara's entrepreneurial spirit took shape when her and her husband Frank,

established Frank's Lock and Key in St. Thomas. Through hard work, integrity, and

perseverance, the business grew into a trusted cornerstone of the community.

Today, it remains

the only full-service locksmith shop in St. Thomas, celebrating 55 years of continuous operation,

with all three of her children still actively involved.

Throughout her life, Barbara lived in California, New Jersey, Florida, Virginia, and Tennessee,

and traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe, embracing new places while

remaining deeply connected to her island home.

A woman of deep faith and love for music, Barbara was a devoted member of the choir at St.

Peter and Paul Catholic Church in St Thomas and St. Timothy's Catholic Church in The

Villages, where singing became both her joy and her prayer. One of the great honors of her life

was performing with her St. Timothy's choir at the Vatican in Rome, an experience she

cherished deeply.

Barbara continued her lifelong commitment to service as a member a member of the Veterans Memorial Park Honor Guard, proudly honoring fellow veterans and continuing to serve her community

with dignity and respect. Before Alzheimer's became part of her journey,

Barbara was known for her steady presence,

quiet humor, strong work ethic, and deep love for family. As the disease progressed, it changed

her memories but never her essence. Even when words faded, love remained.

In gentle

gestures—a squeeze of the hand, a peaceful smile—Barbara reminded those around her that

connection lives deeper than memory.

Barbara is survived by her children, Annette Cordero (Luis) , Francis LeCuyer II and Julia

Vargas (Celso); her five beloved grandchildren—Kenneth Cordero, Alec Cordero, Gabriela

Vargas, Samantha LeCuyer, and James LeCuyer; and her loving sister, Betty Kilgore. She was

predeceased by her sister, Emily Holman.

She will be remembered for the life she lived, the courage she embodied, the business she built,

and the love she gave so freely.

A Catholic Mass will take place at 10:00am, Friday, February 20, 2026 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church.

# Previous Events

## Catholic Mass

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Timothy Catholic Church  
1351 Paige Pl  
Lady Lake, FL 32159

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Creque*



**Beyers Funeral Home** - January 16 at 12:49 PM

PC

*Barbara was a member of the Veterans Memorial Park Honor Guard, not the Tri County Women's.*

**Peggy L Campbell** - January 27 at 05:03 PM

JG

“ *J.Larry Gumbs lit a candle in memory of Barbara Creque*



**J.Larry Gumbs** - May 09 at 11:22 AM

JG

“ *Barbara was my classmate. I last saw her at our 50th. High School School reunion in .2006. Rest in peace, Friend.*

**J.Larry Gumbs** - May 09 at 11:21 AM

LH

“ Lee Harthman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Creque.

Lee Harthman - February 19 at 09:39 AM

LH

“ Lee Harthman purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara Creque.



Lee Harthman - February 19 at 09:39 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Creque.



February 13 at 03:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Creque.

February 13 at 03:22 PM

AF

“ Austin Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Barbara Creque.



Austin Family - February 13 at 09:00 AM

EN

“ *Barbara was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran whose service and character exemplified integrity, resilience, and devotion to country.*

*On behalf of Tri-County Women Veterans (TCWV), we extend our sincere thanks for her service and remember her with appreciation and respect.*

*Betsy Nolan  
TCWV President*

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**Elizabeth Nolan** - February 02 at 08:03 AM

CG

“ *Cindy Gomez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Creque.*

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**Cindy Gomez** - January 25 at 03:12 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Gomez purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Barbara Creque.*



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**Cindy Gomez** - January 25 at 03:12 PM

TF

“ *The Kazek Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Creque.*

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**The Kazek Family** - January 17 at 10:09 AM

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“ *The Kazek Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Barbara Creque.*



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**The Kazek Family** - January 17 at 10:09 AM