



## Barbara Jane Fletcher

July 10, 1933 - June 30, 2024

Having experienced the profound loss of her husband of almost thirty-one years COL Paul M. Fletcher. USA (Ret) in May of 2018. Barbara has been laid to rest alongside Colonel Fletcher at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

She led a varied and colorful life. traveling extensively and even living abroad, in Brazil for several years with her previous husband. CAPT Hubert B. Reece. USN (Ret). who was employed as a naval architect and marine engineer by the navies of the United States and Brazil.

Barbara enjoyed learning and speaking several foreign languages, among them

Hungarian, Portuguese, French and Spanish. She studied the French language, culture and architecture in Paris, France, as well as the Brazilian Portuguese language, even translating several Brazilian novels and a play which required her to establish herself as a literary agent specializing in this genre.

Her intellectual curiosity prompted her to pursue and complete her education at New York University from which she graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

While married to Colonel Fletcher she traveled to countries as varied as Hungary. France. Brazil. and Indonesia. Whereas, her marriage to Captain Reece saw her accompany him on their 41 -ft. sailing yacht on a number of blue-ocean voyages. including one which sought to circumnavigate the globe.

She lived since 2005 in The Villages while married to Colonel Fletcher and, after his death, as a widow at Freedom Pointe. She is survived by her five stepchildren. Pamela Walker, David Fletcher. Dale Fletcher. Douglas Fletcher and Susan Shay. Also, by thirteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, as well as by her brother Robert Reway, and her nephew Kenneth Reway.

From her marriage to Captain Reece, she is survived by two step-children. Lawrence Reece and Nancy Peiuso.

A memorial service will be held at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake on Friday, August 9th, 2024 at 11:00 AM with inurnment at later time in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake  
134 N US Highway 441  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-4444

# Tribute Wall

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“ We first met Barbara, and Hu, when we arrived at Lake Union Landing aboard our 36' sailboat. As fellow cruising folk, they made us welcome, and we spent many enjoyable hours sharing stories. After Hu's passing, we were delighted to meet Paul and know that Barbara had found a wonderful life partner. We continued to exchange phone calls and greeting cards, and always hoped for a chance to travel to Florida for a visit. We hold dear our memories of Barbara's adventurous spirit and wonderful smile. We will miss you, Barbara!  
Love, Doug and Kristie Hotchkiss  
Bainbridge Island, WA

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**Doug and Kristie Hotchkiss** - August 19, 2024 at 12:58 PM

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“ Our neighbors for 15 years. Our kids adopted grandparents and only great memories of Barbara and Paul. She loved practicing her French with us which never stopped impressing us by the quality of it. She will be dearly missed. Love to all the Fletcher family. The Gurrey's.



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**Antoine Gurrey** - July 16, 2024 at 05:54 PM