



Barbara Elizabeth Berger

January 16, 1933 - February 13, 2025

Barbara Elizabeth Berger passed away February 13, 2025 in Tallahassee, FL. Born January 16, 1933 in Elmira, NY, to Henry and Violet Barnard. While at Cornell University, she met and married Carlos Berger and they moved to Guatemala in 1955. They had four children, Carlos (and Kathy) Berger, Elizabeth Berger, Tomas Berger (and James Gaunt) and Margarita Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband and her daughter Elizabeth. She leaves grandchildren Michael (and Allie) Berger, Richard Smith (and Jennie DeBunce), Kathleen Smith and Amanda (and Jessica) Harwood. She has 3 great grandchildren Madelyn, Leann and Bryce Berger and one step great-grandson, Christopher Spence. She always treated Adriana Berger from Carlos' first marriage as a daughter. The family wishes to thank Tammy McGhin who cared for and doted on her for the last seven years.

Much of her life was spent on farms in Upstate New York and in Guatemala. She loved all things related to horses, she could milk cows by hand and she handled the genealogy of the cattle crosses. She was involved in the development of a nutritional supplement still used to this day in Guatemala. She lived through a major earthquake, several government overthrows and many ashfalls from volcanoes and never lost her sense of humor and joy of life. Barbara loved and cared for her children's many pets, from reptiles, to wood ducks to dogs and cats. Her own last two dogs, Ryan and Casey, were a pair of Irish Wolfhounds which she cherished.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local animal shelter.

A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Niki Carney of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193) is assisting the Berger family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Enjoyed visiting with Barbara years back. Her 2 dogs were unique & well behaved. 1st time tasting Loquats in her tree that were flavorful. She was very thoughtful & a pleasure to have known. Doug Welch

Doug Welch - February 17, 2025 at 10:22 AM

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“ I had the honor of helping to take care of her for the last eight years. We spent a great deal of time working on puzzles, doing crafts, playing bingo, enjoyed visiting musicians and other talents (she especially enjoyed the Irish Dancers), looking at birds and wildlife, and plants and flowers, all of which we both enjoyed. I really got to know her and learned a great deal from her about life, family, horses, and numerous things, but especially cows. She tried to teach me some Spanish but realized I was a lost cause. Her humor was sometimes dry, but incredibly funny! We spent lots of time up to shenanigans as she said, but never (almost) got caught. We got in a little trouble, particularly with bingo...! We were often lovingly referred to as “the odd couple”. At all times, she was concerned about other people and their feelings. That was very important to her. I will never forget all the great times we shared. With her passing, she leaves a huge hole in my heart that she takes with her, but my heart will always have love for her eternally. I miss my partner in crime sooo very much.

I will “ see you later alligator “. All my love from your crocodile aka
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Tammy McGhin - February 16, 2025 at 11:21 PM