



Barbara Kent

January 1, 1918 - May 11, 2010

Barbara Kent died peacefully at her home in Fairway, KS on May 11, 2010 at the age of 92. Services will be at 2:00pm Friday, May 14, in the Yukon Chapel at Mt. Carmel Cemetery with burial to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to a charity of one's choice. Barbara, the daughter of Bernard and Serena Grunwald, was born in the small town of Tiszabezded, Hungary. She grew up in a close-knit family with one sister, six brother, and extended family members. She was especially fond of her grandmother who taught her how to cook and bake traditional Jewish Hungarian foods. While many of her family members perished in the Holocaust, Barbara survived Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen and made her way to America. In 1951 she met her husband, Dr. Bela Kent, who established his OB/GYN practice in Kansas City. They raised two sons who followed in their father's footsteps and became physicians. Barbara enjoyed 42 years of marriage until Bela's death in 1994. She was preceded in death by her 6 brothers and also by her sister who perished in the Holocaust. Dr. and Mrs. Kent were long-time members of Congregation Beth Shalom. Her sons George and Tom, their wives Julee and Lauren, and her grandchildren, Daniel, Rachel and Devon survive Barbara and will cherish their memories of her.

Comments



“ Dear George and Tom,
Reading the Chronicle article about your mother's passing made be sad but brought back wonderful memories about both Barbara and Bela. They were great friends of and to my parents. All of the Pakulas had great affection for the Kents. They are two of the most remembered people in our lives. For my brothers and I, it was always a special treat when we were with them.
We know from our experience that this is a difficult time for you. We wanted you to know that our thoughts are with you and how fortunate we were to have been among the beneficiaries of their friendship, warmth, time and interest.
Most sincerely, Sheila and Larry Pakula

Lawrence C. Pakula, M.D. - May 25, 2010 at 10:21 PM



“ Tom & George

I remember your Mom like it was yesterday. No words can ease the pain of losing a mother but your mom was a tribute to the strength of the human spirit. I didn't understand all of the things you told me about her when we were both kids at Roesland, but now, of course I do. She was courageous and I know very proud of you, as you are of her strength, love and guidance. Your mother, both of you and your families will be in my prayers.

Steve

Steve Shaft - May 17, 2010 at 10:22 PM



“ Dear Kent Family,
I'm sorry for your loss. Your parents were both wonderful people.
Fortunately for my mother, who was also a Hungarian survivor of the Holocaust, your father delivered me. My mother had only been in Kansas City for a few weeks and how lucky for her that her doctor spoke her native tongue.
Your maternal grandmother stayed at my parent's home erev Yom Kippur in the 60's and I remember that your uncle Zoli had a lawn care business and took care of our lawn. My parents remained friends with yours for many years.
I wish you and your families long life.

Steve Rothstein - May 15, 2010 at 05:41 PM



“ Tom and George, your mother was such a wonderfully interesting person and I consider myself lucky and blessed to have had the priveledge to work with, get to know and come to love her. I will miss her dearly.

Margaret Hayes - May 15, 2010 at 04:36 AM



“ George, Tom and Family,
Our deepest sympathy to you and your families. Your Mom will be missed.
Rob, Susan and Miriam Pittell

Rob, Susan and Miriam Pittell - May 14, 2010 at 06:42 PM



“ Our prayers are with you all- George, Tom, Julee, Lauren, Daniel, Rachel, and Devon. Your beautiful Mother and Grandmother is a true aische chayil, a woman of valor. We will continue to honor and love her forever!!! She gave each of you what it takes to carry on with courage!
Love,
Jeannie Frank and family

Jeannie Frank - May 14, 2010 at 12:03 PM



“ Tom and George, So sorry to hear about your Mom. I have many great memories of both of your parents growing up - what gracious hosts and interesting and wonderful people they both were. You are extremely fortunate!
I won't be able to make it to the funeral, but I wish you both strength in the days ahead. . . it's difficult at any age. All my best to you and your families,
Jeff Kramer

Jeff Kramer - May 14, 2010 at 12:21 AM



“ Dear Tom and Lauren, John and I are so sorry about your loss. I know how much you adored Bori and how much you will miss her. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers everyday. Please let us know if there is any way that we can be of help to you at this difficult time. Love, Jenni

Jennifer Griffith - May 13, 2010 at 10:37 PM



“ Dear Tom, George and families,
Never before has so much life been packed into such a small package! Barbara was a loving, lovely person who always brightened our house growing up. When she and Bela walked into the room, one always had to be prepared to get hugged, pinched and loved up. And even if she was the one who demanded my presence at your birthday parties and you at mine, there was always the promise of a torte in return. Absolutely the best! (My mother's included) I will forever regret not taking her up on private lessons. The ultimate example of the kind of woman Barbara was is in the kind of sons she raised. I wish you the best of memories of your wonderful parents.
Love always,
Vida

Vida Bikales - May 13, 2010 at 05:08 PM



“ To Dr. Kent & Family

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

From all the staff at VA Neurology.

Rosemarie Davis - May 13, 2010 at 03:07 PM



“ To George and Family--

My condolences on the death of your mother.

Sincerely,

Francie

Francie Bernstein Kelly - May 13, 2010 at 02:32 PM



“ To the Kent family,

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Kent. I never had the privilege of meeting her, however your beloved father delivered me, my older sister, and later her daughter. My sister was the first girl born to my parents. They were thrilled. My family was in the clothing business and my father presented Dr. Kent with a dozen pink shirts. My family loved Dr.Kent and because of him my niece will be having a child of her own this Fall.

I hope in this time of sadness that your family is comforted by the knowledge that from the ashes of the Holocaust you brought forth thousands of children.

May you be comforted with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Debra Entine

Debra Entine - May 12, 2010 at 10:56 PM