



## Ms. Barbara Jane Christian

July 17, 1949 - November 12, 2020

Barbara Jane Christian, 71, of Valrico, Florida, born on July 17, 1949 in Syracuse, New York, entered into eternal rest on November 12, 2020. She was a store manager at Sherwin-Williams for over 20 years, secretary for RDK Truck Sales for over 10 years, and store manager for multiple military Post Exchanges. She loved her family dearly, and enjoyed attending her book club, reading, and interior decorating. She was preceded in death by husband, William Paul Christian. She is survived by children, Casey Christian (Tonya), Ryan Christian (Donna), Jamie Gevedon, and Maxwell Christian; grandchildren, Courtney (Will Drawdy), Bryar, Jacob, Trey, Sam, and Donovan; and siblings, Eddie, Tommy, Shirley, Charlotte, and Sue. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, November 24 at 10:00 A.M. at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a women's center of your choice. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

Bushnell, FL

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery  
Bushnell, FL

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Barbara’s passing. She welcomed me with open arms to her book club in Valrico about five years ago, before I moved to Texas. She was a quintessential “gentlewoman,” and I’m honored to have known her.

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**Marcia Sullivan** - January 23, 2021 at 11:33 AM

CL

“ Barbara and I grew up together. Her mother and mine were good friends. I was so happy to reconnect on FB. Her decorating was stunning so much talent. I hope she is resting in peace

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**Cheryle Goodman Laratta** - January 15, 2021 at 09:03 AM

HG

“ As the quote says, we don't meet people by accident, they are meant to cross our path for a reason. I met Barbara when I answered an ad she had posted online looking for members to start her book club. She and I became friends right away. I enjoyed our conversations, her stories, and her knowledge of books, movies, cooking, decorating and many other things. She was special and I am blessed to have had her for a friend. My sympathy to her family and many friends.

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**Hope Godbey** - November 20, 2020 at 11:51 AM

LA

“ Barbara was a kindred soul. We understood each other's health struggles and outlook on life's situations. She shared so many wonderful stories of travel and knowledge of obscure things, like weaving carpets or fancy teacups from exotic places...haha. Never ran out of conversation with her. You will be missed very much. I can see you now, walking and checking out all the curiosities around you in your new world. Looking forward to the day I get to hear more stories. ❤️

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**Lindsey Adams** - November 17, 2020 at 09:43 AM

SL

“ I so miss my dear friend Barbara. Her and I often had dinner together. We watched movies and I would just go over to her house for a visit. We had very nice talks and enjoyed each other company. She had been very much a part of my life this past year with the book club and all. She enriched my life. I have a large void now in my life without her. I enjoyed seeing her at the hospital during the last few weeks of her life, Barbara and I and Hope, MaryEllen and Shelley spent some very precious time together. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful, loving, caring lady in my life. God Bless you my friend. I love you.

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**Sandra Lemon** - November 17, 2020 at 08:52 AM

SC

“ *My sincere condolences to Barbara's family and friends. She was a special and unique friend of mine. There are a few times in one's life when you meet someone you like and admire as much as I did Barbara. She was caring, fun, intelligent, classy, and made our book club really special. She worked hard to keep it going, turned our luncheons into celebrations, and made everyone feel welcome and important. She had many talents, especially decorating, cooking, conversation and friendship. I really miss her but will now have to look back fondly on our times together and especially our chats. I'm glad I was able to tell her I loved her; we don't always get that chance and for that I am grateful. I'm also grateful knowing she is finally at peace. RIP, Barbara*

*Shelley Colias*

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**Shelley Colias** - November 16, 2020 at 01:19 PM

MC

“ *My friend Barb was a wonderful woman full of spunk, humor, and passionate about forming friendships. She successfully started a book club out of her house that brought neighbors and friends who shared a love of reading and eating, together. Through this, a bunch of woman came together and formed a strong bond of friendship. Barb was the heart and we were the beats. No matter what, she always had time for a chat, be it serious or light. I was proud to have the honor of being one of those privileged people that got to know and love her. Barb, you were a fantastic friend and I miss you so. You are now laughing and waking again! Rest In Peace and I will see you in the other side one day.*

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**Mary Ellen Carta** - November 14, 2020 at 05:10 PM