



## Barbara A. Almstead

May 26, 1935 - May 16, 2021

Barbara A. Almstead, 85, of Greenport, NY was called to heaven from Albany Medical Center, after a brief illness, on May 16, 2021.

Born May 26, 1935, in Greenport, she was the wife of the late Robert Almstead, and daughter of the late Arthur and Alice (Clark) Rote.

Barbara attended Greenport School and was employed at the Hudson Pocketbook Factory for 3 years. She then married her childhood sweetheart, Robert Almstead on June 20, 1954. They shared 61 years together until his passing in 2016. They purchased their first home in Stockport, NY and lived there for 30 years where they lovingly raised their three daughters. Barbara and Bob then built their retirement home in Greenport on an inherited plot of property where she lived out her remaining years. Barbara enjoyed cooking, baking, reading, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends. She lived her life after the death of her husband on her own terms and was called to heaven quietly, peacefully, and when she was ready.

Barbara was a life member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hudson, NY. She served as a member of the Stockport Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary, and was a Brownie Troop leader for her daughters.

Survivors include her three daughters, Debra (Ty) VanAmburgh, Jennifer (Steve) Sullivan and Roberta Murell. Barbara is also survived by her sisters Betty (Clint) Robie, and JoAnn (Bill) Marler, brother Roger (Linda) Rote, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her dear friends Betty Burns of North Carolina and Gladys Bell of Newburgh. In addition to her parents and husband Robert, Barbara was predeceased by her brother Arthur Rote Jr. and sister Frances Osuch. She will be dearly missed by all for her kindness and loving ways.

Funeral services at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home will be Friday May 21, at 1:00pm. Visitation prior to the service will be from 11:00am-1:00pm. Interment will be in Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Columbia-Greene Humane Society or Trinity United Methodist Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation Hours

MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler  
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Hudson, NY 12534  
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# Tribute Wall

DV

“ *Debra Vanamburgh lit a candle in memory of Barbara A. Almstead*



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**Debra Vanamburgh** - May 22, 2021 at 06:12 PM

DV

“ *Our precious Momma, Where does one begin to express how lost we both will be without you here. I have the greatest memories of times we have shared together. I just want to say "Thank you for being my mom and for being the woman you made me into". I will think of you everyday and now you are one of God's angels with our poppa. Rest in peace and we will miss you always. We love you. Debbie and Ty Vanamburgh*

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**Debra Vanamburgh** - May 22, 2021 at 06:11 PM

MP

“ *Jenny and family...So sorry for your loss. I can still see here laughing at the yearly Christmas parties. Prayers to you all. Love, Michele Pulice*



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**Michele Pulice** - May 20, 2021 at 09:13 AM

SA

“ *Grandma Almstead was such an incredibly kind, doting, and strong individual. Growing up, she showed all of us kids how much she loved and cared for us. A trip to Grandm'as was like a mini-vacation-- visiting with her and Lady, sampling her delicious treats and playing a few rounds of Old Maid while PBS hummed in the background. And no matter what we were going through, she was always a beacon of warmth and security.*

*As we've gotten older and the distance between us has grown, our love for her never wavered. Each phone call or card was a joy. These last few years, Grandma dealt with so much more than any single person should in their lifetime. Regardless of the trials and tribulations, she has shown us all the true meaning of strength, resilience, poise, patience, and love. You will be sorely missed, Grandma.*



Sarah - May 19, 2021 at 02:50 PM

JS

“ *Aunt Barb.....where do I begin. You were the humor our family needed always! I can't remember a time that you did not make me or someone else in the family laugh. Heck, I would walk all the way from our house on the ROW to your house in Stockport - yes to play with Debbie, Jenny, and Bert but honestly it was to be around YOU! I still think no one can make French Toast like you or Chocolate Cookies like you. And remember how lucky I felt when I was chosen to go up to K-Mart and Joys, and ride in your yellow car. Then my mind goes to last year when I visited you during your rehab, and you flashed me to show me your scar. I could go on and on with memories, but will never forget how beautiful you always looked when I visited with the biggest smile and warm hugs. Now is your time to be out of pain.....in heaven. Now you are with Gram and Aunt Fran to cut up with. I will miss you but know I will see you again one day. I LOVE YOU.*



Jim Shumsky - May 19, 2021 at 11:19 AM

JM

“ *Joey and I both love you. We always have ! RIP beautiful angel.*

Joe Murell - May 19, 2021 at 09:46 AM

MF

“ *Michael Ferrari lit a candle in memory of Barbara A. Almstead*



Michael Ferrari - May 18, 2021 at 08:04 PM

JS

“ *Mom,*

*We will miss you dearly. You are now at peace and back with our beloved Dad in heaven.*

*You truly are an angel and we love you very much. A big piece of our heart is now missing...*

*Love,*

*Jen, Steve and your fur baby Max....*

Jennifer Sullivan - May 18, 2021 at 07:38 PM

RJ

“ *Jen we are so sorry to hear about your mom. Your in our thoughts and prayers.  
Rafael and Judy*



Rafael and Judy - May 18, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *Joseph Murell lit a candle in memory of Barbara A. Almstead*



Joseph Murell - May 18, 2021 at 02:26 PM