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Colonel Barbara Ann Keller McGrath, (USAF Ret), age 82, went to her heavenly home on March 27, 2021. She was born February 17, 1939 to her late parents, John and Frankie Keller of Alto, TN.

She is survived by her husband, William McGrath of Memphis, TN; sisters Sue Tucker Watson of Winchester, TN; Jan (Keith) Turner of Memphis, TN; Deborah Keller of Memphis, TN and Bonnie Carter of Suwanee, GA; stepchildren Ann Fant of Johns Creek, GA; Kathy Crittendon of Memphis, TN; numerous step grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by step children, William McGrath, Jr and Virginia Davis; brothers in law, Roy Watson and Stephen Carter; step-son, Danny Crittendon; and nephew John Tucker.

Barbara was loved by many friends and family as she never met a stranger, even throughout her worldwide travels. She graced this world with her many talents, generous spirit and caring heart. She shared her mother's love of flowers and green thumb. She enjoyed cooking and planning special events for family and friends.

She was a graduate of Franklin County HS in Winchester, TN, class of 1957. She received her diploma in nursing from Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville, TN, class of 1960. She attained a Bachelor of Science of Hospital Administration from Saint Joseph's Hospital, class of 1989 in Standish, Maine. She entered military training flight school at Brooks AFB in 1965 at rank of 1st Lieutenant.

Barbara had an extensive professional and military career as a Registered Nurse and Emergency Nurse Practitioner marked by numerous awards and recognition. She was a veteran flight nurse during the Vietnam War and Desert Shield serving in the 155 unit Tennessee Air National Guard and 183 Air Evacuation Squadron of Mississippi Air National Guard. Her esteemed career culminated with positions of Regional Director of Nursing Emergency Services for Baptist Memorial Hospital Corporate Systems, serving in Arkansas, Mississippi, and West Tennessee;



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Consultant for Volunteer Hospital of America Management Company assisting in preparation for accreditation; and Hospital Commander of 183 Wing, Jackson, Mississippi ANG. She logged over 3000 flight hours in numerous aircraft and was the first female to be elected as officer in Military Order of World Wars, Memphis Chapter.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, April 12 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Funeral Home 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, 38119.

A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. at the Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit, 2300 Hickory Crest Dr. Memphis, TN, 38119.

The burial will take place at a later time at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Events

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Visitation

 **Monday**, April 12, 2021

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home**
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119

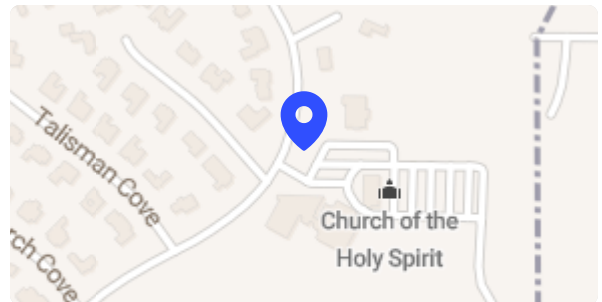


Funeral Mass


 **Tuesday**, April 13, 2021

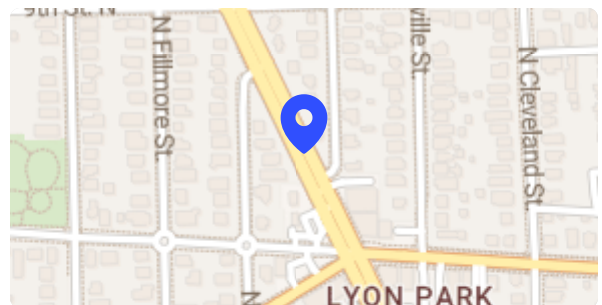
 11:00 AM CT

 **Church of the Holy Spirit**
2300 Hickory Crest Dr., Memphis TN 38119



Cemetery Details

 **Arlington National Cemetery**
Arlington VA





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Bonnie G Carter shared an album called **Memories Album.**



April 11 at 9:22 AM



Jan Turner September 30 at 3:42 AM

To her Mother, Daddy, & sisters, she was known as 'Bob' because she was her Daddy's little helper. The nickname stuck with her nieces & nephews & bothers-in-law. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt, caring nurse, professional woman, & Christian. She loved helping those in need of her care. She flew many medical evacuation missions helping America's service men & women who served during the Vietnam & Desert Storm /Shield wars. She took care of her sisters & home town friends & neighbors. She was a hero to those who knew of her caring commitments. She crossed the bridge to Heaven on March 27, 2021 while two of her sister's were holding her hands & talking to her. One of her nieces was on the phone talking to her telling her how much she was loved when she drew her last breath. So she wasn't alone. We're sure she was met by God, her Mother & Daddy, all other family members & worldwide friends. Your family hopes you have found the release of your pain and found the peace you have searched for since you fell ill several years ago. We hope you can rest in peace now and will get to see all of your family & friends in the coming years. You will never be forgotten by anyone who truly knew you as your family did. We will surely miss you. Till we meet again. Love you dearly & miss you terribly. Your remaining family.



Debbie Keller shared an album called **Memories Album.**



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Debbie Keller shared an album called **Memories Album.**



April 11 at 9:21 AM



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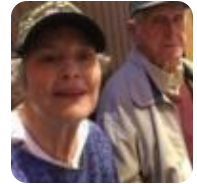
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BC

Bonnie G Carter shared an album called **Memories Album**.

April 11 at 9:08 AM



DK

Debbie Keller shared an album called **Memories Album**.

April 11 at 8:54 AM





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April 5 at 10:19 AM



Sonja & Lisa Vetter And Family sent a Large Basket Garden to the Mcgrath family.



April 6 at 4:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Mcgrath family.



April 5 at 10:19 AM



Media

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Bonnie G Carter shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

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Bill, Barbara, and Roy



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Surprise



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Love



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California dreaming



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Sister support



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Our Hero



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Debbie Keller shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.

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At Caroline's High School graduation



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Bonnie Carter shared 5 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara Ann by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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