



Doris Anne (Bradley) Barnsley

December 6, 2016

Doris was born in Rockport, MA to the late Major William and Edith (Koch) Bradley. Her family later relocated to Townsend, MA. She attended multiple high schools as her father changed stations with the Army.

After high school, she was a Barbizon modeling school student in NYC, then went to Fitchburg State Teachers college and became an elementary school teacher. She was a proud Marine wife, fierce mama bear to their four sons, and loving Nana to their nine grandchildren.

She was a dedicated and capable DIYer, making every house they lived in a home, and repurposing everything in typical frugal Yankee fashion. She loved dancing and enjoyed looking at Dancing With the Stars. Her ancestors helped found Gloucester, Massachusetts in the 1630s, and she was excited to be a member of the Cahokia Mound Chapter of Daughter of the American Revolution. She loved dogs and was a steady supporter of a local animal rescue league. She made the best fish chowder on the planet. She had a wicked smart sense of humor, a girlish giggle, and a smile to light up a room. She never missed a birthday, anniversary or special occasion. Above all, her sons and her grandchildren were her life.

She is survived by four sons: William of Sturbridge, MA, Kerry of Concord, NH, Brian of Swansea, IL and Kevin of NYC, NY, nine grandchildren and

numerous nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Havn't yet, Traliors ;o*

<http://tinyurl.com/yc52wftg>

Dona Fulkerson - September 19, 2017 at 11:22 AM

EA

“ *Hei! Som ivrig leser av bloggen din og venninne av Rikke, tillater jeg meg nÃ¥ endelig Ã¥ legge igjen en kommentar og si at jeg ler meg fillete av mye av det du skriver! Det er deilige latteravbrekk i en ellers rotete og masete hverdag :) Og sÃ¥ mÃ¥ jeg fortelle at jeg har verdens fineste kj¸epÃskalmagnet med fÃ¸lgende tekst: "Cleaning the house while the kids are still growing is like showeling snow while it is still snowing". Ergo - jeg skal ikke rydde fÃ¸r om ca. 15 Ã¥r...*

Earnhardt - February 22, 2017 at 03:47 AM

RH

“ *My condolences to the entire Barnsley Family. As I feed the birds each morning (in what has to be the strangest bird feeder on earth) I think of Doris Barnsley; just as when I sit at my 18' long, cockpit style loft desk, I think of Major Barnsley. Rest assured that the birds and occasional Sturbridge brown bear will continue to be fed for as long as I am able to sit at the desk ... just as they were fed by Doris Barnsley for the past quarter century! Peace to all, Rick Hilliard*

Richard Lee Hilliard - December 20, 2016 at 08:51 AM

SJ

“ Sharp eyes and quick humor. She is remembered as a lady and a mother. She is at peace, God is Good. sJudy

Sister Judy - December 16, 2016 at 03:40 PM

TS

“ I remember Dorie from Exeter High. We loved her positive can-do attitude and friendliness. Sorry to hear she is gone. Best wishes to all her children & her family.

Terry Snook - December 08, 2016 at 08:53 PM

WM

“ I will always remember your dad calling his favorite gal, "my beautiful young bride". Such a love story. My sympathies to all of you.

Wendy McFarland - December 08, 2016 at 09:28 AM

MN

“ To the sons of Dorie Barnsley. I am very sorry to hear of the death of your mother. I remember her well as a very active positive contributor to Exeter High School as staff member and parent.

Martha Niver - December 07, 2016 at 10:38 AM

JB

“ Doris, may you rest in peace with the Lord. I wish we had always stayed in touch. I have always admired and cared for you as a friend. I will never forget you and your beautiful smile and wit. Thank you for being a friend. Until we meet again.

Jan latour blomeke - December 06, 2016 at 10:14 PM