



Barbara Jo Zaino

September 29, 1949 - May 13, 2022

On Friday, May 13, 2022, Barbara Zaino, loving sister and mother of two, passed away at the age of 72 in Visalia, CA. Born September 29, 1949 in Columbus, OH, she was the daughter of Anthony and Raffaelina DeBellis. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Zaino.

Barbara graduated from the University of Missouri and began her 35-year teaching career in St. Louis, MO. On June 12, 1976, she married the love of her life, Larry Zaino. They moved to Visalia, CA and raised two sons, Nicolas and Jonathan. Barbara was a highly cherished teacher for students with disabilities in Hanford, CA. Following her career as a special education teacher, Barbara served the students of Kings County as a principal, program director, and as the assistant superintendent of human resources. She received several accolades throughout her tenure in special education including Kings County Office of Education Administrator of the Year in 2004. Her staff and students admired her for her knowledge, patience, and unconditional love. In her free time, she enjoyed playing cards and Bingo with her friends and family and spent many evenings watching classic films.

Barbara is survived by her two sons, Nicolas and Jonathan (Jennifer) Zaino and two granddaughters: Ava and Avery Zaino. She is also survived by her sister Deanna Lynch, Tony (Melanie) DeBellis, nephews: Jeff Lynch and Darien DeBellis, nieces: Caitlin and Maura Fallon-McKnight, several cousins

and countless friends. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I was a student of hers at the Shelly Baird School she was my teacher in 7th, 8th & 9th grade. She was such an amazing teacher and we had so much fun on our school trip to Universal Studios & Knotts Berry Farm. She made learning fun and she always showed each one of us students our fullest potential! I was sad when my dad was transferred back to the Seattle area after my dad retired from the navy and I had to say goodbye to her.. she will always be remembered fondly by me and may she rest in peace....

Cynthia McLaughlin - March 19 at 12:43 AM

SL

“ Barbara was one of the people who hired me !!! We were TWINS 😭 We went thru so many escapades together 😭😭 Gosh so much fun 💖 I even have her crown she gave me one day for my birthday & she has sculptures I gave her I made in pottery 🌀😭 Barbara will ALWAYS be that rare gem now shining in Heaven! sorry Nick, Jonathan, & Deanna I didnt write sooner it's just words can't express enough how much she helped me & meant to me 💖💖 God Bless Her & keep her safe held in his living arms she is missed & loved 💔🙏💖 I'm sorry I won't be at her memorial 🙏💖💖

sandy Lemos - August 31, 2022 at 11:03 PM

JZ

“ Best darn spaghetti in the world Barb.

Joe Zaino - July 05, 2022 at 11:53 AM

GH

“ I met Barbara Zaino when I was a substitute teacher for Shelly Baird School. She influenced me to obtain a special education credential, and to become a special education teacher for 20 years. She always treated me as a valued colleague in education. I have nothing but respect and admiration for her as a mentor and defender of special needs children. May she Rest In Peace. May God bless and comfort her family.
Sincerely, Gladys Hill.

Gladys Hill - July 03, 2022 at 02:39 PM

JJ

“ Barbara was such a neat person, I am so sorry for your loss.. She was so kind, fun to be around and always interested in what was going on with everyone, She helped me a lot when my grandson was sent to Shelly Baird and she was proud when he got his high school diploma from Hanford High. I have been thinking about her lately as I hadn't talked to her since her birthday. I am so sorry I let the opportunity to call her pass by.

Joyce Johnson - June 09, 2022 at 10:51 PM

DL

Thanks Joyce. We loved you were Italian too 🥰

Deanna Lynch - June 11, 2022 at 03:20 AM

MV

“ Our condolences for the loss of your mother Niegbor's Daniel and Marti Vargas



marti vargas - June 09, 2022 at 11:05 AM

DL

“ Barbara was my little sister and I love her. I am comforted only by knowing she’s not hurting anymore.
*Ain’t No Sunshine Since She’s Gone, and
Since I Don’t Have You, are on repeat in my heart.*

Deanna Lynch - June 06, 2022 at 12:28 PM

DL

Ain’t No Sunshine When She’s Gone

Deanna Lynch - June 06, 2022 at 05:04 PM

TH

Aunt Deedee, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Zaino was a great wonderful person, that I’m going to miss dearly. I hope you’re doing ok. With all my love, Tommy.

Tom Hickman - June 07, 2022 at 11:30 PM

DL

*Thanks Tommy. She loved you too!
And I love you sweetheart.*

Deanna Lynch - June 08, 2022 at 04:25 PM

VV

“ Several years ago, I was so happy, after many years, to be reunited with my cousins Barbara and Dee, at cousin Sandra’s home in San Diego. We spent several days visiting, laughing and cooking. We shared some great Italian food and wine together. I will treasure the the memory of being with Barb, and I’m so sorry to to the family for the loss. It was so evident she was a loving and caring person, who loved her whole family.
*My sincere condolences,
Vicky Linsalata Vaughn*

Vicky Linsalata Vaughn - June 04, 2022 at 03:55 PM

DL

Thanks Vicky! Love you 🥰

Deanna Lynch - June 08, 2022 at 04:43 PM

RS

“ I remember Mrs Zaino very well from my days that my grandson was at Shelly Baird. Sorry to hear of her passing!

Roger Snow - June 04, 2022 at 02:14 PM

JD

“ We called her Bo, and she was unforgettable. I can't think of high school, college, or anything about Columbia, Missouri, without a memory of Bo associated with it. We had so much fun! After our young adulthood, our lives took different paths. But, say what you will about Facebook, I'm grateful to it for reconnecting Bo and me 30 years later. She had a sterling character, and her will was a force of nature. I admired her, and I loved her deeply. Save me a place, my friend.



Jeanie Dobbs - June 01, 2022 at 11:28 PM

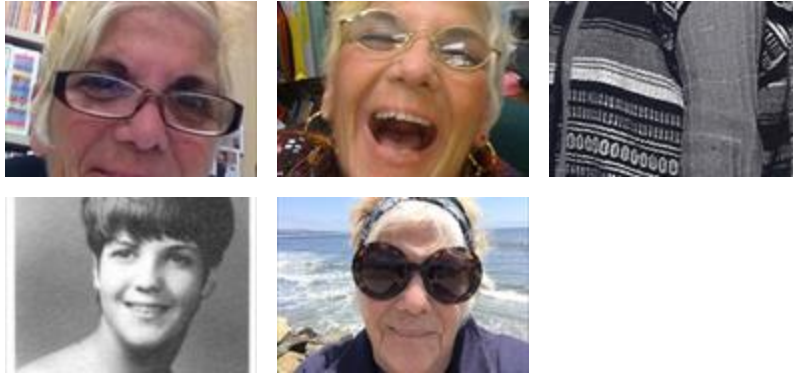
DL

Jeanie, thanks for sharing your beautiful memories and photos of Barb. Love you 🥰

Deanna Lynch - June 08, 2022 at 04:45 PM

JD

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Jeanie Dobbs - June 01, 2022 at 11:15 PM

SB

“ *There was not one thing I didn't love and admire about my cousin Barb. Her strength, her devotion to her family, her honesty and her wonderful sense of humor, to name a few. Well, maybe not the honesty part. I asked her recently if she loved me more than my brother and she said no. And she meant it, but coming from her it was easy to take because I knew she loved me anyway. Just not as much.*

Sue Bowers - June 01, 2022 at 10:19 PM

DL

Zingarella, thanks for your memories of Barb. Love you 🥰

Deanna Lynch - June 08, 2022 at 04:48 PM