



Alete D. Baer

July 19, 1941 - May 31, 2020

Thank you for taking the time to read about my Mom. I feel so fortunate to be able to tell you about Alete (rhymes with feet).

My Mom was a Pennsylvania native who lived her whole life in the greater Harrisburg area. She graduated with top grades from John Harris High School and went on to earn a cosmetology license (which is still current!). She was working for Bowman's Department Store when on December 31, 1961 she went on a double date with one of her best friends, Diana, and met my father for the first time. Except he was Diana's date! But my Mom knew he was the one for her and told Diana "Hands off, he's mine!". My parents married 3 months later and went on to build a life and family together in Camp Hill. After my Dad retired from the Railroad, they bought a fifth wheel and spent many years volunteering as campground hosts at several local State Parks. They had many enjoyable nights around the campfire making new friends and sharing laughs while performing lighthearted pranks on each other. They also visited family and friends throughout the United States and traveled to such far away places as Alaska and Sweden.

My Mom enjoyed crafts, especially making beaded flower arrangements. She even patiently taught others the intricate art and filled the house with her creations. She also took up ceramics for many years. She loved classical music, Broadway shows and musical movies. Her favorites were Fiddler on

the Roof and Man of La Mancha. Mom's morning ritual was a cup of coffee with French Vanilla creamer and an Everything Bagel with butter and cream cheese. And she loved ANYTHING chocolate.

Although like everyone she had her flaws, at her core she was a kind and caring wife and mother who leaves behind her loving husband of 58 years (Herbert Baer of New Cumberland) and their two daughters (Lisa D Richwine Baer of New Bloomfield, PA and her husband Bart, and Lori Alete Orslene of Pensacola, Florida and her husband Damian) along with an adoring cat (Buddy) and a brother (Adley Eisen of Hummelstown, PA). There are also numerous friends, cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and step-grandchildren who will mourn her passing.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider planting a tree or making a donation in her name to a local animal rescue organization such as the Helen O. Krause Animal Foundation, Inc. (HOKAFI) PO Box 311, Mechanicsburg PA 17055-0311 or the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, 800 Corporate Circle, Suite 101, Harrisburg PA 17110. My mom loved trees and birds, so whenever you are outside, please take a moment, breathe deeply and think fondly of my Mom; Mrs. Alete Diane Baer. I know I will every chance I get.

Note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, internment at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville PA will occur at a future date. A remembrance celebration will also occur at a future date at Colonel Denning State Park.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

RR2 Box 484
Annaville, PA 17003

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

HS

“ I just found out about my cousin Alete's passing in May. We had just lost my wife's dad in mid April and my mother in law in November. We spoke many times over the years and often talked about how important it was to keep in touch. I'm so sorry I didn't this year. My sympathies to the entire family.

Howard Sobel - August 31, 2020 at 10:03 PM

PS

“ I am so sad to hear of Alete's passing. She was such a lovely and very nice person. I met her and her husband 12 years ago. They were frequent guests at Mikado Restaurant I used to work. When I work for Red Lobster, I'm so happy to see this lovely couple again. I have known and served them for years. They never complain not even once. I will miss her smile and her kindness to everyone She knew. It was good to see Mr. Herbert Baer and their daughters Lori and Lisa last Wednesday and thank you for visiting and bringing her beautiful memories with us. Please accept my deepest sympathy for you loss. May She rest in peace.

Pinpin Snyder - July 17, 2020 at 04:20 PM

ZH

“ Very sad to here of Aletes passing. She and Herbert were frequent guests with us at Red Lobster. I will always remember her radiant smile and her selfless generosity. May she Rest In Peace.

Zach Heikes - July 16, 2020 at 02:22 PM

DT

“ *Alete Baer was my Mother-in-Law and making fun of one’s Mother-in-Law in today’s society is almost expected because of the image of them being overbearing and meddling. I offer an exception to this rule. Alete Baer (AKA Momma Baer) was a unique individual with some peculiar idiosyncrasies such as her overabundant collection of all things strawberry in her kitchen and her habit of never throwing ANYTHING out. But to me, her most endearing quality was she was amazing kind. In the 20 years I knew her, she never said a cross word to me. Not one. She was always happy to see me and greeted me the same way every time “Hello Dear “...in that sing song voice of hers...I will miss that. Terribly. She was also very generous. I watched her give \$100 bills to waiters and waitresses to help with their school or child care expenses on top of tipping them! She was a great listener, always well dressed and a buffet master salad builder. (They were impressive in a leaning Tower of Pisa kind of way!) She was open and honest, very refreshing traits in today’s world, and she loved a good joke. She continuously stood up for those less fortunate in this world from people to animals and felt it was her duty to be their voice. But the bottom line is, she loved me like a son and I loved her. That is a great gift from God. Mom was so very special and I will, and do miss her terribly. Love you Mom. PS: I’ve got the watch now in taking care of your daughter Lori. Rest easy. d*

DTO - June 29, 2020 at 12:32 AM

JF

“ I met Alete in late 1998 at Colonel Denning State Park while camping with my now husband, Sam. Alete was the first to welcome me to their group and we became fast friends. One could always count on Alete to prompt someone to share a funny story around the campfire. She loved being at camp with friends. I have missed her there since she and Herb stopped camping. I don't think Alete ever met a stranger. She was so warm and welcoming to everyone and had a way of making one feel like they were the most important thing in her life at that moment. She always had a smile for you and her laugh was loud and joyful. How she loved to laugh! I will miss you Alete. There's no one to call me now and say, "Hi Sweetie! How are you?" I can still hear your voice. I love you, my dear friend!

Judi Fasick - June 14, 2020 at 12:27 PM

MB

“ I have known Alete since high-school. She was a lovely, intelligent, considerate and supportive friend with a great sense of humor and marvelous laugh, Always positive in her outlook, she was a joy to be with, The world is less bright without her in it, but the memories she leaves behind are, I am certain, a great comfort to her family and friends.

Michael and Arija B.

Mike Bottomley - June 13, 2020 at 04:18 PM

LG

“ Daniel & I have never met Mrs. Baer but knowing Lori, our Sister-in-Law, certainly gives us a peek at who she might have been; Lori is intelligent, kind, and having a sarcastic wit.

We grieve for you, Lori, for Lisa, and for your Father as you grapple with the loss you have suffered. We pray that God grants you peace and comfort. You have our love and sympathies.

Daniel & Lisanne Gresh

Lisanne Gresh - June 05, 2020 at 08:44 PM

AO

Our hearts are breaking for you. Hug your dad and Lisa for us. Cherish the time you have with your dad why you are there. Hugs tight hugs we love you Mom and dad.

Annette Orslene - June 10, 2020 at 11:06 AM

JB

Alete was my sister-in-law with whom we shared many holiday dinners. She always had a smile and was always eager to share her delicious casseroles.

We also enjoyed many picnics at Colonel Denning State Park with Alete and Herb. Alete made delicious barbecue chicken and she was always an excellent hostess at the campground. I remember the smiles, laughter and the love we all shared.

Joanne, Paul and Kristina

Joanne Baker - July 27, 2020 at 11:24 AM