



## Deborah Ray Barber McNeill

October 8, 1956 - November 4, 2017

Deborah Ray Barber McNeill, 61, of Houston passed away Saturday, November 4, 2017, after a long illness. She was born October 8, 1956 in Roanoke, VA to Raymond and Anne Barber, of Portsmouth, Virginia. Deborah was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Stanley Barber, and is survived by her mother, Anne Cragin Barber. She is also survived by her husband of 32 years, Tom Peyton McNeill, III; her daughter Hayley Ray McNeill of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; sister, Dr. Tricia Barber & husband Capt. Robert Winkler of Stafford, Virginia; nieces Tess Anne Winkler of Washington, D. C. and Cragin Deborah Winkler of Alexandria, Virginia.

Deborah spent her school years in Sandy Springs, Georgia and Raleigh, North Carolina and earned her Bachelor of Science from The University of Georgia. At Georgia, she was an officer of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority as well as one of the first women on The University of Georgia track and field team. Deborah earned her Master of Education from Texas A & M University.

Mrs. McNeill was dedicated to the things that she loved. She was the Director of Research for the Texas A&M University Development Foundation, Regional Director for the American Heart Association, and a Development Officer for Trinity University.

Mrs. McNeill was a passionate servant of God who volunteered with many

non-profit organizations such as the Junior Leagues of San Antonio, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Houston, John Paul II Catholic School, Daughters of the American Revolution, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Ladies Go Texan Committee, Spring Branch ISD, among others. Deborah's commitment to Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority lasted over 40 years, from serving as the chapter advisor of the Psi chapter at the University of Alabama, to being on the AGD Foundation Board of Trustees, to serving the Houston Panhellenic Association as Coordinator of Out-of-State Recruitment. She was also a longtime member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Houston.

Deborah loved to travel, attend musicals and ballet performances, listening to all kinds of music and singing with her daughter, and dancing – especially Texas two-stepping. She believed in seizing the day and living life to its absolute fullest. She was a dedicated, creative, caring person who enjoyed her many friends and loved her family dearly. She will be missed by all those who love her.

There will be a Memorial Mass celebrated in Deborah's birthplace state of Virginia at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Triangle, VA (Quantico) on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Fund, Citizens for Animal Protection or the charity of your choice.

1 Corinthians 13:13

So faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
18825 Fuller Heights Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Ray Barber McNeill*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Deborah Ray Barber McNeill*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Deborah Ray Barber McNeill*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Deborah Ray Barber McNeill*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Ray Barber McNeill.*



November 09, 2017 at 11:52 PM

DA

“ Drew & Cheryl Altemara purchased the With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket for the family of Deborah Ray Barber McNeill.



Drew & Cheryl Altemara - November 09, 2017 at 12:17 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Deborah Ray Barber McNeill.



November 09, 2017 at 11:00 AM

HD

“ Houston Alumnae Club Alpha Gamma Delta purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Deborah Ray Barber McNeill.



Houston Alumnae Club Alpha Gamma Delta - November 09, 2017 at 10:14 AM

KM

“ We spent several Thanksgiving dinners with Debra and her family - each brightened by her witty humor, careful listening and helpful heart. Our sorrow is profound that she has passed and our sympathy and prayers are with her sweet family. We are grateful that Debra is at peace. With love, Kim Moore -The Woodlands, TX

kim moore - November 09, 2017 at 06:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Ray Barber McNeill.*



November 08, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Ray Barber McNeill.*



November 08, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ *Ken, DeeAnna & Fern Griffin, John & Dana Ellis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Deborah Ray Barber McNeill.*



**Ken, DeeAnna & Fern Griffin, John & Dana Ellis** - November 08, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah Ray Barber McNeill.*



November 08, 2017 at 09:25 AM

CW

“ Heartbreaking to hear of Deborah's passing. I so enjoyed getting to know her in our Bunco group, and send my love and prayers to Tom and Hayley at this sad time.

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**Cindy Witte** - November 08, 2017 at 07:23 AM

DD

“ I can't say it enough.... Hayley, your mother absolutely adored the ground you walked on. She was a "most totally devoted mother!" I have such beautiful memories of your sweet family at St. John Paul II. I am blessed to have known you all! I am so disappointed that I won't be able to hug you on Friday, but I promise I will be thinking of you. God Bless you all and prayers for your strength.

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**Donna Denton** - November 07, 2017 at 08:02 PM