



COMMITTAL SERVICE

BARBARA R. CURRIE

NOVEMBER 23, 1926 – APRIL 8, 2022

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Episcopal/Anglican

ZABRISKIE CHAPEL MEMORIAL GARDEN

3606 Seminary Road
Alexandria, Virginia

June 11, 2022



2:00 p.m.

BARBARA ROSEMARY BLUNT CURRIE

Barbara Currie passed away peacefully at Goodwin House in Alexandria, Virginia on Friday, April 8, 2022, surrounded by her five children.

She was born November 23, 1926 in Ealing, London, England. Through World War II, she lived with her family in Thames Ditton, Surrey, where her house was nearly hit during the Blitz. She graduated from the University of London with a degree in chemistry and physics, and worked in a lab prior to meeting George Currie on a ski trip to Austria, though it is said the dancing bonded them more than the skiing. She married George on November 18, 1950 after a whirlwind romance.

Her outgoing nature, curiosity, and can-do-it attitude facilitated family moves to Kampala, Uganda (where Robert and David were born), to Tuckahoe, NY (where Lizanne was born), to Garrison, NY (where Suzanne was born), to Geneva, Switzerland (where Marianne was born), to London, England, to Bronxville, NY, back to London, and then to Alexandria, VA.

Barbara was a loving, devoted mother and wife, who enthusiastically took on important leadership roles in scouts, community theater, on the Lawrence Hospital Board of Governors in New York, with the League of Women Voters in New York, where she served as President, and later as a member in Virginia, on the Bronxville Village Board of Trustees in New York, at ALIVE! in Alexandria, and many philanthropic organizations.

She delighted in re-entering the workforce as a research librarian at the law firm Arnold and Porter in Washington, DC, and she actively pursued her faith at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill in Alexandria. She loved living at Goodwin House Alexandria making many good friends, including the extraordinary staff.

Barbara is survived by her five children and their spouses, 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and countless friends and relatives. Her lovely spirit and lively presence will be missed by her adoring brood.



If you feel inclined, you can send a memorial tribute gift in her honor to the Goodwin House Foundation/Area of Greatest Need (goodwinhouse.org/giving/donate) and/or to the Zabriskie Memorial Garden, which she and her late husband George helped to design and install. To donate online, visit www.icoh.net, and select "Worship Service Bulletins" under the worship tab to view this bulletin. Click on the hyperlinked logos below to go directly to the donation pages.



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Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill **The Currie Memorial Garden Fund**

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THE COMMITTAL

Barbara Rosemary Currie

November 23, 1926 - April 8, 2022



OPENING HYMN: "Christ, we do all adore thee"

Theodore DuBois

Friends of Barbara Currie in **The Immanuel Summer Choir**

CLERGY Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Members of Barbara's immediate family pour her ashes into her grave, place tulip leaves on top, then wash the vessel with holy water from the Jordan River, Jordan Valley, Israel.

CLERGY In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister, Barbara, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace.

PEOPLE *Amen.*

SOLO "Danny boy"

Frederic Weatherly

Barbara Ballvé, alto

CLERGY The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

CLERGY Let us pray

CLERGY AND PEOPLE *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Clergy add additional prayers.

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

CLERGY Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

PEOPLE *And let light perpetual shine upon her.*

CLERGY May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PEOPLE *Amen.*

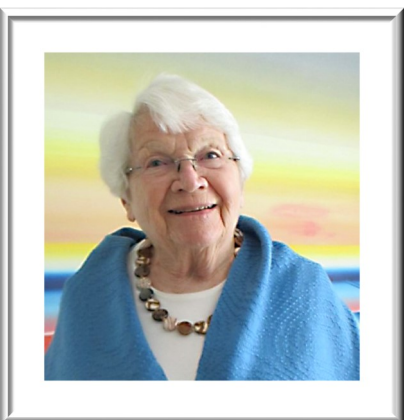
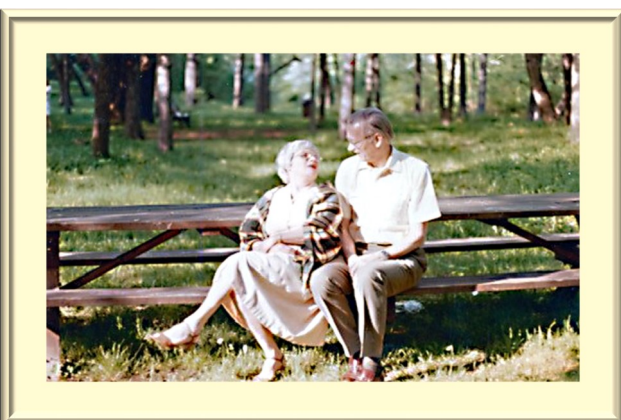
*The family will place a special mix of soil on the ashes.
The soil represents two places meaningful to Barbara — New York and Virginia — where she lived and has many friends (including those in attendance).*

A moment of silence is kept.

Clergy then dismiss the people with these words:

CLERGY Alleluia. Christ is risen.
PEOPLE ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***
CLERGY Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
PEOPLE ***Thanks be to God.***

All are invited into the Parish Hall for a reception.



SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
9:00 a.m. Joy Mass Holy Eucharist, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

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SERVING TODAY

Crucifer: Karen Besser
Officiant: The Rev. Sam Sheridan. Associate Rector
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Assisting Clergy: The Rev. J. Bruce Steward, Chaplain
Memorial Chapel
Goodwin House Alexandria
Music: Barbara Ballvé, granddaughter
The Immanuel Summer Choir: Gerry
Anderson, Terry Arnold, Karen Besser,
Rick Glassco, Sarah Glassco, Doug John,
Joan Raybold, Brooke Roberts and
Dr. Jane Tavernier, Director
Flowers: Connie Kurz, Immanuel Flower Guild
Gravesite Prep: Chris von Schoening

MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God's plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.