



## Barbara Jean Pacetti Stivers

August 10, 1960 - September 14, 2018

The sun shined brighter in Heaven on the afternoon of September 14, 2018 as Barbara Jean Pacetti Stivers of Tequesta, FL transitioned to her new and everlasting life while being comforted by her husband, family and friends and her closest confidant, Oreo.

Barbara was born in Murfreesboro, TN on August 10, 1960. She is survived by her husband, George Stivers, Jr., of Tequesta, FL, her Mother, Evelyn Giannini Rivers of Melbourne, FL, brother Richard Rivers, Jr., of Stoneville, NC, sister Linda and husband Chris Webster of Suwanee, GA, brother Bob and wife Nan Rivers of Debary, FL, brother John and wife Robin Rivers of Melbourne, FL, brother Frank and wife Tania of West Melbourne, FL, brother Bill and wife Barbara Rivers of Eden, NC, sister Laretta Rivers of Melbourne, FL and her step daughters Danielle Agudello of Royal Palm Beach and Ashley Stivers of Tampa.

She is also survived by 13 nieces and nephews and by loving in-laws, numerous lifelong friends and Oreo.

Barbara is pre-deceased by her father, Richard Bernard Rivers, Sr.  
And her brother, Michael Rivers.

After graduating from Eau Gaille, High School in Melbourne, FL in 1978, Barbara began an extensive career in the mortgage industry. Pam Racz, manager at Stockton Whatley & Davin Mortgage company (SWD) in Melbourne, FL, recognized Barbara's talents early on and hired her as the main receptionist for the company. It was from that point forward that Barbara realized that the mortgage business fit her career path in so many ways. After several years at SWD, she was recruited by Centex as a loan officer and moved to Texas. It was there that her love of country music ignited!

She adapted to the mortgage industry very well. After much success and wonderful times in Texas, she returned to Florida in 2001 to join KHAM as an Account Manager. Several years later she served for many years as Executive Assistant to Dan Klinger, President of

KHAM. She most recently held the position of Government Insuring Administrator. Barbara held multiple NMLS licenses in the mortgage industry.

Barbara was very fond of all of her colleagues at KHAM. One person who had a profound effect on her professional career and her life was Dan Klinger.

Barbara and George met in January 2011. She expressed to George after meeting him that she felt her life was finally aligned. Four years after they met, she shared with him that she knew she wanted to marry him after their very first phone call. George loved Barbara deeply. Their love for each other was unconditional.

Their lives together were enriched and fulfilling. Barbara was right there to give him guidance when needed — telling him how to drive, and in her opinion, felt that instructing him was a necessary activity. She loved her life together with George.

Barbara loved to exercise, especially taking sunrise walks over Melbourne Causeway and spending time at the beach at Tuckaway Shores in Indialantic and Jupiter Beach. Being out on the boat with George and sharing sunrises and sunsets together was one of her favorite things to do. She loved animals, swimming in her pool, cycling, and numerous outside activities. She enjoyed stopping and talking with neighbors while on walks with Oreo. Barbara was also fascinated by the Stock Market, following it regularly.

Four years ago, as the challenges of her illness arrived, she held George's hand tighter. It was the beginning of a journey that they would walk every step of the way together. George and everyone who knew Barbara, knew that if anyone was going to kick "Cancer's ass" with great courage, bravery, inspiration, fight and faith, it was Barbara!

She exercised, juiced, researched, fought and prayed thru every diagnosis, every surgery, every treatment, every piece of bad news. She did not complain. She was so intelligent, and with George, asked the difficult questions. She did everything in the inner depths of her heart and soul to conquer. And she did it with the determination of a prize fighter and the grace of a ballerina...all with George in her corner holding her hand tighter and tighter loving her more each day.

She had some great sayings in life, one of her favorite's was "Wine is Fine Liquor's Quicker"! Some people would say to her jokingly, "Oh I'm getting old", when feeling their growing pains." She would say to them, "Be thankful for that"!

She inspired us all to do our best in life, to love, to laugh, to be grateful. She loved

George, her family, her friends and her Oreo! She will always be missed and always be remembered as a person who gave God and everyone in her life her best!

Barbara loved orchids. George has asked that anyone wishing to send flowers to consider sending an orchid. He will nurture and cherish them in her memory.

The family will receive friends from 1:30PM to 3:30PM on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter, FL. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:30pm, Saturday September 22, at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter, FL.

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 01:30PM - 03:30PM

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Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street, Jupiter, FL, US, 33458

**SEP** **Funeral Service** 03:30PM

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# Comments

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“ Barbara was one of my dearest friends and I'm not the only one who can say that. We first met at aerobics class over thirty years ago in Arlington Texas! Loved her dog Gizmo, he was her baby. Always positive, witty and energetic. Loved life, family, friends, making new friends, work, animals, music, dancing, church, she was ready to conquer.

I called her my gypsy friend, we took a road trip to Austin Texas one weekend and she decided to move there. After two years she was missing Arlington and moved back. A few years later moved back to Florida, needed to be near family after her dad and baby brother Mike! I heard so many happy stories of family and Mike. Loved all our travels, especially our drive together back to Florida for the big move. George she loved you deeply, I remember feeling so happy when you guys first met, it was truly meant to be.

I will treasure our friendship for always and forever! She enriched my life and just about everyone she came in contact with. Thank You my friend for the love, laughs and the genuine generosity you shared so freely!

I love you and will miss you deeply  
Your friend Rene'

**Rene' Kreitz** - September 23, 2018 at 04:42 PM

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“ Barbara was a very special person, and we are encouraged to read how much she enriched the lives of so many friends and coworkers. Our hearts are with the entire Rivers clan at this difficult time.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11:25-26a

Kevin and Marilyn Swindall

**Marilyn Swindall** - September 22, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ Yes she truly was! Barbara enriched my life in so many ways. I could always depend on her, she was and always will remain in my heart until we meet again my dear friend.

**Rene' Kreitz** - September 23, 2018 at 02:39 PM

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“ My heart is heavy to lose my beautiful friend Barbara. She was a warrior who fought a hard battle with a positive attitude. I am blessed to have had her for a friend and neighbor. She will always have a special place in my heart. Time heals and memories last forever. I will always miss you my friend.

**Gail O'Dea** - September 22, 2018 at 07:29 AM

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“ Barbara and I worked together when I was at Preferred Home Mortgage and then I was lucky enough to meet up with her again when I joined KHAM. Most recently when she began her treatment she came to work in my Department and it was a dream come true. Barb brought light into every room she entered. She was a fighter and I have never met a person more determined to beat her disease. We had long talks about positive outlook and I am not ashamed to say she even taught me a thing or two. I will miss her dearly. Fly high with the angels beautiful lady and suffer no more. MUAGH

**Sharon Colombo** - September 21, 2018 at 04:52 PM

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“ Barb was one of the friendliest and one of the strongest. Her obituary says it all and is a wonderful tribute to her. She fought a hard battle but now she will rest in paradise. Until we meet again my friend...

**Rosy Surdam** - September 21, 2018 at 08:16 AM

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“ Barbara my lifelong friend, words can't express how much you will be missed. I was blessed to have you as my friend. Thanks for the memories we've shared throughout the years. Rest In Peace my wonderful friend. I Love you.

Gail

**Gail Cody** - September 20, 2018 at 08:53 AM

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“ I am so very sad to hear about Barbara. I worked with her for a numbers of years. She was the consummate professional, so kind and always had a smile and good things to say. Just was texting her back in August and she told me of her challenges. She never wavered in her faith that it was going to be ok. My sympathies to her family she will be greatly missed. Carol Barin

**Csrol** - September 19, 2018 at 09:58 AM

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“ You have been a wonderful friend, and I am going to miss you dearly. Our so many things in common will never be forgotten. I cannot say enough about the beauty of your personality and smile. You were the best account manager ever. My heart is heavy and I pray for your family through this difficult time. Miss you and love you!  
Diana

**Diana Maguire** - September 18, 2018 at 11:20 PM

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“ BARBARA —I will thank god every day for bringing you into our lives. Thru all your pain and suffering you always made it a point to tell me I was # 1 and to take care of me. You put many before yourself even in your hardest times. I will miss those quirky sayings and goofy actions. I will miss that happy smile but know you are in a better place and no longer suffering. Till we meet again LOVE U

**BRENDA** - September 18, 2018 at 02:30 PM

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“ My dear beautiful lifetime friend, I love you dearly and will miss you forever. I am holding on to all the memories we shared over 50 years! You fought with such grace and I am honored to have shared these hard times along with the good times with you, I am honored to have been your friend. Rest in Peace my friend. I will love you forever.  
Kathy

**Kathy Glover** - September 18, 2018 at 02:04 PM

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“ Good bye sweet friend. Enjoy your walks in heaven with your Dad, Michael and your fur baby Gizmo. Love you, Terry

**Terry Frerich** - September 18, 2018 at 01:54 PM

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“ Extending my deepest condolences to Barbara's husband and family. Barbara will never be forgotten!

**November L. Cary** - September 18, 2018 at 01:45 PM