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Barbara Vilips died January 21, 2023. She was born November 5, 1930, the daughter of Dr. Theodore and Gladys Watson Beckett of Boonville, MO. Barbara graduated from Boonville High School in 1948 with honors. She then attended University of Missouri in Columbia. She received a degree in English. She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta social sorority. She was named a member of Mortar Board national honor society and earned her key to the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. She was named in Who's Who among students, the Outstanding Women's Club and was selected to lead the graduating class in the procession as Grand Marshall for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University in 1952.

On October 15, 1954, she married Richard Shelby Janes in Dexheim Germany. She worked as a USO Service member, a Camp Fire Girl's counselor and while raising 3 daughters, became the P.R. and Development Director at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. She moved to Florida in 1979 and continued in Development with Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Miami, Florida.

She changed careers and became an Investment Advisor and Certified

Financial Planner with Savings of America. She remarried in 1985 to Viesturs Vilnus Vilips and they retired to Stuart, Florida. They travelled the world extensively, visiting Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and younger sister, Gayle, and her husband Vess. She is survived by her daughters Sally (Richard) Erbe, Lisa (Duncan) Smith, Susan Janes and 6 grandchildren Vanessa Erbe, Barrett Erbe, Christian Smith, Andrew Smith, Geoffrey Smith, and Kathryn Smith

Memorial Services will be held at Jupiter First Church on February 11, 2023, at 1:00 pm. There will be a Celebration of Life at The Waterford on Sunday February 12, 2023 from 3:00-5:00pm. Interment will be at a later date at South Florida Veteran's Cemetery in Lantana, FL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast at <https://hstc1.org/Donate> Please share a memory at www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Cemetery Details

South Florida National Cemetery

6501 South State Road 7
Lake Worth, FL 33449

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Janes Vilips*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Valerie Pepas-Smolen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Janes Vilips*



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“ *How do I say goodbye to such an amazing person and friend? From your eyes and your life long adventures I have traveled the world through you. All of your past life experiences have taught me so much more than I ever knew. I will miss all of our talks, your infectious laugh and your beautiful smile. They say when we are alive we make memories, And when someone passed on, we live through those memories. So that's what I will do. I will think of you always with a smile and with great honor to have had the pleasure of meeting and loving such a beautiful person as you Miss Barbara. Rest easy my dear friend and hug baby Mathew for me. I will never forget you 🥹🙏❤️*

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