

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me beside the still waters
He restoreth my soul*

*He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*



Acknowledgments

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, Barbara will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate her life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

Arrangements Entrusted to:


BENTA'S
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In Loving Memory of



Barbara Appel

SUNRISE: AUGUST 30, 1950 - SUNSET: JANUARY 4, 2024

Memorial Service

Saturday, January 13, 2024 • 3:00 P.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

REVEREND JAMES LOGAN, Officiating

BRVON NEAL, Minister of Music

Order of Service

INVOCATION REVEREND JAMES LOGAN

MUSICAL SELECTION “HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”

SCRIPTURE READING CHRISTOPHER SPENCER

OLD TESTAMENT PSALM 23

NEW TESTAMENT JOHN 11:25-27

PRAYER OF COMFORT REVEREND JAMES LOGAN

MUSICAL SELECTION “JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”

REFLECTIONS FAMILY & FRIENDS

(Two Minutes Please)

OBITUARY READING CHRISTOPHER SPENCER

MUSICAL SELECTION “BE NOT AFRAID I GO BEFORE YOU ALWAYS”

EULOGY REVEREND JAMES LOGAN

COMMITTAL & BENECTION REVEREND JAMES LOGAN

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Obituary

BARBARA DeVORE SPENCER APPEL was born on August 30, 1950 in Fort Valley, GA to her mother Dorothy Amey (nee Roziere). Until the age of 12 she was raised in Fort Valley, GA by her great grandmother Mary Jordan, and grand aunts, Lilly Johnson, and Lettie Craig. At the age of 12 her mother married James D. Spencer and Barbara along with her older brother Richard moved to New York, NY.

Barbara was enrolled at the newly built Louis D. Brandeis High School on New York’s Upper Westside and graduated 1968. Barbara began working as a model and subsequently, as an airline flight attendant for Eastern Airlines.

Around this time, Barbara began dating Benny Cole. She suffered a tragic car accident in 1972 and became paraplegic. However, this did not deter Barbara in any way. She began rehab at NYU Rusk Rehabilitation and completed the program. She married Benny Cole and with his assistance began studying jewelry design. Soon after she opened her business in New York’s affluent Diamond District on 47th Street called Cojo Creations in Fine Jewelry, Inc. Barbara enjoyed a successful career in making custom designed pieces of jewelry to many satisfied customers for over 25 years. Her youngest brother Christopher would assist her from time to time in her jewelry business with small tasks. Barbara occasionally would teach a workshop on jewelry design for the City University of New York – Fashion Institute of Technology.

During the early 1980s Barbara divorced her husband and moved to Guttenberg, NJ. In the mid 1980s, through an acquaintance, Barbara met Barry Appel, a well-known stock broker and Senior Floor Governor of the American Stock Exchange. They married in the 1986 in a private ceremony. In December of 1999, Barbara was struck with a staph infection that destroyed her eyesight. Once again, this did not deter her. With the assistance of her husband Barry and the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Barbara learned how to live her life comfortably.

Barbara’s beloved husband Barry passed away in November of 2015. Yet Barbara continued to thrive. She was diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2021, yet she still continued to fight on. Barbara passed from this life on January 4, 2024.

Barbara is survived by her “father” James D. Spencer, brothers, Richard DeVore (Jackie), and Christopher J. Spencer, nieces Yolanda D. DeVore and Rhonda D. DeVore-Jones (Brian), grand niece Addison Jones and a host of cousins, other family and friends.

The family would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Linda Verdon and Angeles (Angelica) Godinez for all of the assistance and services they provided to Barbara.