



## Barbara Fennell Grez

November 12, 1934 - June 8, 2024

Barbara Fennell Grez, age 89, of La Plata, MD passed away on June 8, 2024.

Barbara was born on November 12, 1934 at Columbia Hospital in Washington, DC to her parents, Robert and Estelle Garner. After graduating from Sacred Heart High School in 1951, Barbara continued her studies at the Notre Dame Academy Secretarial School in Washington, DC. For many years until 1984, she efficiently and successfully managed the office of Fennell Plumbing and Heating. Subsequently, she worked at Shelton Realty and later Baldus Realty until her retirement. Apart from her professional achievements, Barbara had a deep love for music and served as the organist at Sacred Heart Church for many years. She also volunteered as a 4H Club Leader. Most of all, Barbara enjoyed cooking, hosting parties, and spending time with loved ones.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband, William; her parents, Robert and Estelle Garner; sisters, Eloise Maroney and Mary Ellen Barbour; brother, Robert Garner; and sons, Michael Fennell and Christopher Fennell.

She is survived by her children, William Fennell and his wife Mary, James Fennell and his wife Susie, Susan Silverzahn and her husband Don, and Mary Duckworth and her husband Bill; grandchildren, Timmy, David, Danny, Jimmy, Kristie, Mason, TJ, and Alley; great grandchildren, April, TJ, Michael, Kendyl,

Karsyn, Olivia, Caden, Leo, Van, Nathen, Cameron, and Gage; as well as two great-great grandchildren, Aubrey and Hudson.

A Visitation for Barbara will be held at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel on Monday, June 17, 2024 from 4-8pm with Prayers at 7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 10am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Plata. Interment will immediately follow at Sacred Heart Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Barbara's name may be made to the Charles County Rescue Squad, Co. 51 (<https://www.ccvrs.org/donate/> OR P. O. Box 40, La Plata, MD 20646).

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery

410 St. Mary's Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service Chapel  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Prayers

JUN 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service Chapel  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

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JUN 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
201 St Marys Ave  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2261

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ Although I have not seen her for years, I remember her visiting my parents years ago. I will never forget when our band (Billy played guitar), practiced in her home and her face lite up when I sang a Beatles song. She was always kind and thoughtful. Especially putting up with us and all that life threw at her. God bless her and you all.

**Billy Albrittain** - June 18, 2024 at 09:17 AM

EL

“ Eileen Maroney Lynagh purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Fennell Grez.



**Eileen Maroney Lynagh** - June 16, 2024 at 07:58 PM

PF

“ Pritchie, Susie, Wallace Davis and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barbara Fennell Grez.



**Pritchie, Susie, Wallace Davis and Family** - June 16, 2024 at 12:03 PM

MA

“ *Every time I was with Susan’s Mom we had such a wonderful time. She was full of life and had a big heart. She cooked us great meals in Daytona. She will be missed.*

*Marilyn*



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**Marilyn** - June 15, 2024 at 11:34 PM

SS

## “ MEMORIES OF MOM

*I was so blessed to have shared a life-time of memories with Mom. She was a loving and beautiful soul that touched so many people. She was vibrant, full of life and always eager to entertain and go places. Some of the fondest memories during my childhood were of her singing, playing the piano (for hours on end), dancing, spending time at the beach and even occasionally going trail-riding on horseback. In our later years, the memories were mostly of travelling domestically and abroad, with family and friends. She had a penchant for cruising.*

*It is sad to realize that she won't be here any longer, but each and every day I'll cherish and celebrate those memories of Mom, for the rest of my life.*

*There is a short poem I came across that portrays my sentiments at this time. The author is unknown, but it goes:*

*“Those we love don't go away,  
they walk beside us every day.*

*Unseen, unheard but always near,  
still loved, still missed,  
and held so dear.”*

*Susan Silverzahn*

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**Susan Silverzahn** - June 15, 2024 at 03:04 PM

DC

“ I was saddened to hear about Barbara's decline and passing. I've known her for almost 45 years and Barbara was always fun to be with. She and I were roommates on a transatlantic cruise for 14 nights and just giggled and had a good time together. She was up for whatever people suggested; she was full of life always willing to do whatever would make someone else happy. And, she didn't let any grass grow under her feet. She was always on the go enjoying life. So, Barbara I will miss you and I send my condolences to the family. I'm sorry, but she's in God's hands and doing better now.

*Doreen Conover (Susan's Sister-in-Law)*

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**Doreen Conover** - June 15, 2024 at 02:31 PM

MW

“ *Mary Brent, Carole Anne and William purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Barbara Fennell Grez.*



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**Mary Brent, Carole Anne and William** - June 12, 2024 at 10:38 AM