



## Barbara McCauley

December 2, 1942 - November 4, 2019

Barbara Ann McCauley (76) from Prescott Valley, Arizona passed away on Monday, November 4, 2019. She was born to Richard & Ann Pawlowski on December 02, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois. She is preceded in death by her son, Thomas James McCauley Jr.. She is survived by her husband, Thomas James Sr. , and her 3 children, Michael (Jelly) McCauley, Donna (Juan Carlos) McCauley-Villagran, David (Andrea) McCauley. She is also survived by her 7 grandchildren, Marissa Krafthefer, Thomas James McCauley III, Matthew and Michael Villagran, Josefina, Charles, and William McCauley. She leaves behind many dear nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends across the country.

Barbara (BABS by her Husband) grew up in the old Polish neighborhood called “Back of The Yards” and graduated from St. Joseph’s High School. She lived in Chicago for most of her life with family and friends nearby. Later fulfilled her dream and retired with her Husband to Las Vegas, Nevada, and then to Prescott Valley. She enjoyed her retirement through family, bingo, pets, cooking, reading and her desert yard and pool to enjoy with her grandchildren.

She lived her life as if inspired by angels and the life she lived inspired others. She leaves behind those she helped along the way without expectations of compensation or reward.

A memorial service will be held at the Sunrise Funeral Home Chapel at 8167 E. Hwy 69 Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 on Friday, November 8, 2019 at 2:00-4:00 PM .

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sunrise Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Sunrise Funeral Home and Crematory

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara McCauley*

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January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Well cous... our dads were special brothers yours my uncle rich and mine your uncle ted. Both these men had baby daughters on December 2nd. You and me. Although our dads died young ., aunt Rose always kept us together until she passed. You are in heaven with them all, and I feel blessed that we shared this family for a short time . May you Rest In Peace , your in the best of hands up there. Give them all the biggest hugs from me . Peace and Love to you Barbara.*

*Your cousin.*

*Joanie (Pawlowski) Piasecki*

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**Joan (Pawlowski) Piasecki** - November 08, 2019 at 11:22 PM

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“ *The Cactus*  
by Michael McCauley

*In the prairie sat a cactus  
It always seemed to be there  
Through the hardships it grew  
Surviving the violent weather*

*Her exterior quickly got tough  
To resist all the rough seasons  
But her flowers would blossom  
Everyday, defiling all reasons*

*Life would approach with care  
Often crippled, angry and weak  
But whatever made it under her stems  
Found the nourishment it did seek*

*The bees and the birds came around  
Early with fear and suspicion of harm  
But later with no worry after learning  
There was no reason to feel alarm*

*A nectar so simple and sweet  
Given away, when no one was asking  
The life that dared to come around  
Left full of what it was lacking*

*Today, I cannot find my cactus  
My guide gone, my landmark  
But I think I will be fine  
I look around and feel a spark*

*All around is so much life  
So many cacti everywhere  
They share, they share, they share*

*Something tells me they weren't always there*

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**Michael McCauley** - November 08, 2019 at 02:29 PM

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“ Well Ma, it seems a bit surreal that you’re not here with us anymore and I deeply regret that I’m only now sharing with you, what I should have said to you in person. From the stories and times we shared over the last 19 years, I know you didn’t have the easiest life. From early on, you experienced tragic loss, grief, pain and hardships, but you overcame each of these difficult times and they made you into the woman that I was lucky enough to know and love. Your strength was unmatched and you were tough as nails.

You were never afraid to speak your mind and didn’t worry much about what others would think. While I won’t share with everyone what you actually said to me because we’re going to keep this clean, I will never forget one of the first things you said to me that left me with my jaw wide open standing in your kitchen on 68th Street. To this day, when I think of that moment, I still laugh to myself because I figured you had to be testing me. You were always great for dolling out a little bit of smack-talk to each of us, but underneath all that, is the woman that I’m going to miss the most.

You were a simple woman, who didn’t need much in life but to be surrounded by your family. You were always so thoughtful and never missed a birthday, holiday or Mother’s day. Even though we were thousands of miles away back in Chicago, you were always thinking of us. As I sit here reflecting, I recall the year that David and I started dating, and we flew out to Vegas for Thanksgiving. You may not have known it at the time, but that was the first time in my life I had not spent a holiday with my own family, but you made sure that I never felt out of place in your home. I actually got lucky that first Thanksgiving and ended up with the big bowl of your famous mock pierogi right in front me and I’m pretty sure I had three helpings. Every visit thereafter was filled with lots of stories, laughs, food, bingo halls and family-poker, and you always made me feel like I belonged. Later with technology, I always enjoyed getting your sweet and funny messages on Facebook. I do have a confession to make to you though, you happened to love the same soft buttery caramel chews that I did and I found your secret stash next your

*bed and I may have on occasion helped myself to a few pieces over the years, so I'm sorry but not really sorry.*

*When the idea of having your 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration back in Chicago started circulating, I'm not going to lie, I was concerned about how we were going to logistically pull this off, but together we all did our part to make it happen. I've never seen you smile more than you did during that party surrounded by your family and friends and you even said to me at the end of the night that your cheeks were hurting from smiling so much. I'm so grateful that we were all able to make this wonderful memory happen for you and Dad.*

*You may not be here with us anymore in person, but we know that you loved us unconditionally, no matter our flaws, and that you'll always be watching over us. You've left your handprint on our hearts. Mikey, Donna and David have amazingly kind souls just like yourself and are always willing to help someone in need, and I promise that we'll take good care of them and Dad.*

*So as I bid my final farewell to you, more importantly than anything, I just want to say Thank You. Thank you to you and Dad for always welcoming me into your home. Thank you for always treating and thinking of me like one of your own children. Thank you for sharing your family with me. Thank you for being you. You will be deeply missed...until we meet again on the other side of the rainbow.*

*Love,  
Andrea*

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**Andrea McCauley** - November 08, 2019 at 12:29 AM

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*This is beautiful, Andrea. ❤️*

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**Jelly** - November 08, 2019 at 01:50 PM

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“ To Buscha from the McCauley grandkids:

*William:*

*Buscha, I am going to miss most your great hugs and thank you for letting me drive around your electric wheel chair. When I see the video, I laugh out loud. Have a nice time in heaven.*

*Charles:*

*I loved visiting you in Las Vegas and hanging out with you, the dogs and swimming in the pool. I liked being able to spend time with my family that I don't get to see that often, and I will miss you being there when we go to visit.*

*Josefina:*

*Grandma I am going to miss you very much. I am going to miss your big hugs and your funny laugh. I am also going to miss our week of family time that we would have during our visits. Your house in Las Vegas was the best and the pool was so fun. Thanks for being a great grandma and always thinking of us.*

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**Andrea McCauley** - November 07, 2019 at 11:39 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara McCauley.



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November 07, 2019 at 09:50 PM

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“ All of us at Prescott Radiologists purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Barbara McCauley.



All of us at Prescott Radiologists - November 07, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara McCauley.



November 07, 2019 at 06:59 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Jelly - November 06, 2019 at 11:13 PM

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“ *Dolly, Elsie, Miriam, Ruth, Pilito, Mery & Troadio purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Barbara McCauley.*



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**Dolly, Elsie, Miriam, Ruth, Pilito, Mery & Troadio** - November 06, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barbara McCauley.*



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November 06, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara McCauley.*



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November 06, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara McCauley.*



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November 06, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara McCauley.*



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November 05, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ *My mom was angel. She truly loved unconditionally. She was not only my mom but a true friend. I hope I continue to have half the strength she had. I will miss you mom and think of you always. Please continue to look out for me.*



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**Donna Villagran** - November 05, 2019 at 06:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara McCauley.*



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November 05, 2019 at 05:20 PM