



Barbara June Urbom

March 4, 1932 - October 17, 2022

Barbara “Bammy” June (Varra) Urbom, 90, of Fort Collins, passed away on Monday, October 17, 2022 from complications resulting from Dementia. Bammy was born March 4, 1932 on her parents’ farm that they owned on West Vine Drive in Fort Collins. Bammy adored her family and life on the farm. She attended #10 school on West Laporte Avenue. Highschool involved riding the trolley to go “downtown” and attend “the old” Fort Collins High School. She graduated in 1950. While in high school she met Richard “Dick” Urbom. After high school they attended CSU and married in 1952. From this union they had two children, Cheryl (Urbom) Romine and Michael Urbom. Bammy’s family history runs deep in the Northern Colorado area. Barb and Dick always called Fort Collins home.

Bammy was very involved in her children and grandchildren’s activities. No project or activity was ever too big and she never said no. She was a Boy Scout leader for Mike and a Campfire Girls’ leader for Cheri. A fond memory is a 4-H Craft show. This gave Bammy the opportunity to help Cheri knit a potholder and resulted in a first- place ribbon. As her children grew older she also made sure she helped and supported their baseball, football and cheer teams. Throughout the years- Bammy could be seen at every game, recital, and awards program for Mike, Cheri and all her grandchildren.

Bammy was always there for her family. She was there to listen, encourage

and help- even if at 2 in the morning. She was a realist and there weren't any topics she wouldn't address head-on. While growing up many of Mike and Cheri's friends felt the same way and would come and seek her advice. They often called her their 2nd mom. She was a disciplinarian but always fair. After cutting an 8-track tape she thought was inappropriate she then turned around and replaced the cost of the tape. She also liked to dump the desk drawers onto the floor once a month so they could be cleaned and organized. Bammy was a teacher as well as mom. With her granddaughters, Ashley and Lexi she loved watching movies and playing hide and seek. Additionally, she loved to help them build forts out of cardboard boxes left behind at the Bammy's kitchen. Every year, without fail, she would call and sing Happy Birthday to each member of the family. Her final birthday song and solo was for Mike's birthday this past April. She loved the holidays and holiday baking and taught Britt, Savanna, Ashley and Lexi how to roll out the dough and use cookie cutters. Bammy also tried to teach Cheri how to make noodles from scratch but she discovered, perhaps those talents were better served elsewhere.

Bammys favorite hobbies for years were golf and skiing. She loved doing these with family and close friends. Eventually her hobbies included crocheting. Bammy crocheted an afghan for every member of the family. This has become a cherished heirloom for all.

Bammy didn't know a stranger. She smiled and said hello to everyone. Her personality was always fun and welcoming. She was the type of lady that would even stop and talk to little kids. She loved animals and couldn't miss an opportunity to talk to and pet a dog she met while out and about.

Family get-togethers were always organized by Bammy. She made sure everyone was included and there was always an abundance of food. All who attended these family functions were very happy to take home the left-overs and eat for days. Her specialties were homemade chicken & noodles, fried chicken with cream gravy and of course those decadent chocolate chip

cookies.

Bammy's chocolate- chip cookies were legendary and in the early 90s- Mike suggested she start Bammy's Gourmet Cookie Company. Perhaps one was wondering where the name "Bammy" came from. When her oldest grandchild, Travis, was learning to talk he couldn't say Grammy and called her Bammy. The rest is history as they say. At first, the cookies were made in her kitchen and sold in small bags of 3. She drove to Cheyenne several times a week and sold them to truck stops. Often, she would bring along her young grandson Cody. Many times- even though busy working- she'd pull over and show him the baby horses and other animals she thought would make him smile and laugh. Bammy eventually rented a kitchen at the Farmer's Table Restaurant. At night, Cheri would join Bammy to make the over-sized cookies to sell to Round the Corner Restaurants. Mike joined the business in the mid-90s. As the company evolved the decision was made to sell cookie dough in pails. The now business- Bammys- sold product to Sam's Club and other grocery stores. As time went on, Bammy's Fundraising was born. The Bammy's company had the privilege of helping hundreds of athletic teams, schools, and church groups all over the state of Colorado. It was pure joy for Bammy to see the children fundraise and earn the money they needed.

Bammy had many family vacations with dear friends and family. There are so many cherished memories from those trips. Bammys trip to Italy in 2007 with Cheri, her sister Dottie and other family members was the highlight of her many vacations. When she stepped off the plane and on to the tarmac in Italy- she got down on her hands and knees and kissed the ground. She was finally in her family's homeland. Bammy's heart was content and happy.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Dick Urbom, her parents, Angelo and Stella Varra, and her sister Dorothy M. (Les) Hull. She is

survived by her children Cheryl (Bob) Romine, Michael (Sandi) Urbom, grandchildren Travis, Brittany, Cody (Alexandra) Romine, Ashley and Alexis Urbom, great-granddaughter Savanna Romine, her AZ family, Jim, Kathy, Andrew and Kaitlyn Mottern and Peyton Peterson, niece Lee (Catherine) Varra-Nelson, her sister-in-law Nancy (Urbom) Miller, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members. Her father came from a large Italian family of ten children so there are numerous relatives.

A memorial service will be held October 28, 2022 at 4:00 pm. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Dementia is an evil, relentless monster so in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Foundation for Larimer County or Pathways Hospice. Bammy adored and loved the color purple. If you would care to wear purple to her service- know she'll be smiling!

Thank you, Mama. We won't be the same without you.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

RY

“ *Barb was always part of the lunch bunch that met at the Breakfast Club on Fridays. It was always a good time with lot of interesting conversations. —Roger Young*

Roger Young - October 28, 2022 at 01:44 PM

BS

“ *Cheri and family,
After moving here and having our kids involved in their elementary school activities, it seemed liked “ Bammy” was a household name.... What is this “ Bammy?”..... Well, we soon found out....not only cookie dough, but a whole lot of fun that brought families together, just by making cookies!
What wonderful memories Bammy has made for just our family let alone millions of others. We will all carry her in our hearts. I know she will be greatly missed but your memories of her will keep her close.
Thinking of you all at this difficult time.
The Slawson,s, Bobette, Alysse, Annette and Michelle*

Bobette Cleveland Slawson - October 26, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ I will always remember Barbara June as such a kind and loving person. She was really smart and so compassionate to all people. But of course her wonderful, playful sense of humor made her so unforgettable. I always took comfort seeing her at a family gathering knowing it would be a fun and lively conversation with lots of laughter. She loved to talk about what was going on in the world and wouldn't hesitate to express herself, but was always sensitive to other peoples feelings. I have such fond memories of hanging out with her and hearing stories about the Varras and growing up in Fort Collins. I will always cherish my memories of Barbara June.
John & Cindy Minatta Family

John Minatta - October 25, 2022 at 04:23 PM

BW

“ To Cheri, Mike and your families. I see in all of you Bammy's laughter and sense of humor. Love from the Whitman's

Brent Whitman - October 24, 2022 at 03:36 PM

CB

“ Mike, Cheri and family,
We are sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. ❤️
Scott Raser
Cheryl Raser Buderus

Cheryl Buderus - October 23, 2022 at 04:37 PM

MM

“ I am so grateful to have known Bammy! My Condolences to Cheri and Mike and their families, she will be missed. She was a great family friend, and we looked forward to spending time at the Urboms! My favorite memory of Bammy will always be her hearty laugh, it was warm-hearted, sincere, and made you feel better! Love you Bammy!

Michael Myers - October 23, 2022 at 02:52 PM

CG

I will miss my lookalike sister I will miss her. I love you .clara

clara giuliano - October 26, 2022 at 06:31 PM