



Barbara Lynn Kawalsky

October 29, 1959 - June 4, 2025

Barbara Lynn Kawalsky passed away peacefully on June 4th surrounded by her family. Up until the end Barbara remained a fighter and a pillar of strength and love to those who knew her.

Despite a life filled with tragedy, Barbara remained resilient and determined to find joy. She found passion in helping others as a teacher and as a volunteer to the Jewish community and cancer community. Her family and friends would describe her as loyal, full of integrity, and overwhelmingly kind. She maintained a silent strength over the years but she found happiness with her husband, kids and her adored dog, Molly.

She was endlessly proud of her children, but her greatest joy and accomplishment in life was being granny to Abby Rade and Natalie and Sydney Spiwak. The bond between granny and her “girl pearls” was nothing short of magic. She would spend countless hours in person and on FaceTime with her girls to cultivate an unbreakable bond that can never be replaced. She will be sorely missed but she is leaving behind a beautiful legacy that will continue to live on in her children and grandchildren.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband, Colin, devoted children Gavin (Melanie) Rade, Mandy (Phil) Spiwak, Taryn Rade, step-children Eric (Rebecca), Aaron, and Daniel Kawalsky, her grandchildren, as well as her

devoted parents, John and Lorna Simon, her loyal sister Suzanne (Gavin) Subel and many dear nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her late husband, Allen Rade, and her sisters Diane Sewitz and Gail Herson. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Ave.
Dallas, TX 75243