



## Barbara Thome Bagri

March 3, 1939 - July 2, 2020

Barbara Thome Bagri, 81, of Mount Joy, passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2020. Born in Mount Joy, she was the daughter of the late Roscoe and Mabel (Johnson) Thome.

Barbara was a graduate of Donegal High School class of 1957. She later received her bachelors and masters degree from Dickinson College. Barbara retired from teaching at Columbia High School. She was also a professional singer and was a staple at the Fulton Opera House.

Barbara is survived by a son, Jaspaul Bagri companion of Kathryn Hundertmark of Charlestown, MD and a granddaughter, Olivia Bagri of Charlestown, MD.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Dr. Donald Thome.

Services will be private.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Barbara when I moved to Lancaster after graduating from West Chester U. I was just getting started as a composer and Barbara was among the first to appreciate and sing some of my concert (art) songs in public. She also introduced me to her circle of area musicians. An adventurous traveler as well as an excellent soprano, she enabled my first trips to California (and Disneyland) and to Europe when she was studying voice in Milan, Italy. Shortly thereafter she began singing professionally in Italy and Austria, the start of a promising vocal career before returning to the U.S. She was also fluent in several languages and taught German. I'm now living in California where (fortunately) she visited my partner and I shortly after we moved here. The last time we performed together was at her alma mater, Dickinson College: "An aria from *The Consul*, by Giancarlo Menotti. Barbara Thome Bagri (Class of '61) as Magda, Ross Care, accompanist." She also sang the role in the Lancaster Opera Company production and continued to work in musical theater. (As the Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music* she nightly brought down the house with *Climb Every Mountain!*) Thank you, Barbara, you were a big influence on my musical life and my life in general and a wonderful friend.

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Ross Care - July 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Barbara was a good friend from second grade up until her passing. We were two of the Delta Street "gang." Many summer afternoons were spent bike riding to the Cove or the Stone Bridge; plus spending weekends at the Thome cottage in Maryland and catching crabs was always good fun. After graduating from Donegal High School in 1957, we lost touch of each other for awhile until she moved back to the area and began performing at the Fulton Theatre and at other concert venues. What a beautiful voice! The class of '57 will miss her but her songs will stay with us. Our condolences to her son and granddaughter from her HS classmates.*

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**Judy Naugle Shank and Jim Shank** - July 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barbara Thome Bagri*

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July 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Miss Barbara Thome was a lovely lady. I took two of her German classes when she taught at the Elizabethtown Area School District. I have three special memories of Miss Thome. This first memory that comes to mind was that I always admired her beautiful smile and her twinkling brown eyes. The second memory happened one morning when I was walking down the hall near her classroom before classes started. I heard the most beautiful voice singing and I looked in her room. After she finished singing she smiled at me. I told Miss Thome that I was amazed that she sang so beautifully. The last and most profound memory I shared with Miss Thome was on Friday, November 22, 1963. I was in her German class when the principal announced that President John F. Kennedy has just been assassinated. I remember seeing the look of shock and grief on her face. Then Miss Thome and many of the students were crying. Some Students were in shock and just sat quietly in their seats. I felt shocked at first but then I cried. I was saddened to see what a profound effect this tragedy had on Miss Thome. To Barbara Thome Bagri's family and close friends...please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Your loved one is in a better place now. Her memory will live on in your hearts as it will in mine. Sincerely,  
Delores (Wagner) Walmer

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We Mackison's loved her. We spent a lot of time together as a family in the "old" days. I think of you often. But, in my mind you are that sweet little boy we baby-sat. I hope you are well and would love to catch up with you sometime. Love, Niki Mackison- Garner

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**Nichole Garner** - July 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM