



## Barbara Ann Sampson

September 30, 1942 - June 3, 2016

Bluefield, WV- Barbara Ann (Ann) Sampson was born Barbara Ann Wechsler on September 30, 1942 in Indiana to James and Julia Wechsler. Ann graduated from Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis in 1960 then attended Purdue University. The family moved to Michigan, and Ann transferred to Michigan State University where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in journalism in 1965.

After graduation, Ann worked as a civilian for the Wright Patterson AFB newsletter where she met Charles William (Chuck) Sampson, an active duty Air Force officer. She accepted a transfer to Japan while Chuck went on duty to Viet Nam. In 1967 Ann and Chuck married in Saigon, Viet Nam, where they lived until Chuck's next assignment brought them to Offut AFB in Omaha, NE where their son Clay Edward was born on July 27 1972.

After Chuck's retirement in 1974, Ann and he moved to Bluefield, WV where they bought a real estate business. Ann became active in the local Garden Club, serving as West Virginia State President and National President. Ann continued her education through coursework at local and regional schools, earning her Master Gardner certification while remaining an avid gardener, Garden Club member, and singing in the Bland Street United Methodist Church choir. After Clay graduated college, Ann and Chuck travelled the US and, after Chuck's passing in 2004, Ann travelled locally and abroad with friends.

In 2013, declining health prompted Ann to move from Bluefield to

Fredericksburg, VA to be near Clay. She passed in her sleep in Fairfax Virginia shortly after a visit from Clay, his wife Karen, Ann's sister Debbie and Debbie's family.

Ann is survived by her son Clay, grandsons Alex and Grant, granddaughter Summer, daughter-in-law Karen, sister Debbie, nephew Zach, brother-in-law Jeff, and cousins Denny (Brad) and Jimmy.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Thursday June 16, 2016 from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday June 17, 2016 at Bland Street United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Joseph Geiger officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to CurePSP online at <http://www.psp.org/donate/ways-to-give.html>, by phone at 800-457-4777, or by mail to:

CurePSP, 30 E. Padonia Road, Suite 201, Timonium, MD 21093.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Barbara Ann Sampson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
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<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

JUN **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bland Street United Methodist Church  
Bland Road  
Bluefield, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Ann Sampson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Clay, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that your friends at SimVentions will be keeping you in our their thoughts and prayers as you adjust to her passing.*

*May the peace of God that transcends all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:7)*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Scott Roberts*

Scott - June 20, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *Clay, we are so sorry for your loss. Anyone that knew your sweet mother will be at a loss. She was always so kind and concerned for everyone. Always the ultimate lady. Any time we saw her she always spoke and asked about our family. We were just speaking of her not too long ago and wondering where she was. Now we know that she is sharing a heavenly room with your wonderful Dad. They will both always hold a special place in our hearts. Our prayers are for comfort for you & your family.*

*Russ & Ann Taylor*

Russ & Ann Taylor - June 19, 2016 at 10:42 AM

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“ Ann was beautiful inside and out; her love for life could be seen in her life and she was always so polished. I can see she and Chuck sitting around their table with literature of all kinds to read, notes written, great discussions going on and feel the joy of living in their smiles and talk. I am so sorry for your loss and sorry I missed knowing she passed away to attend her visitation. The love Ann and Chuck had for each other and their son Clay and his family could be seen and felt whenever you talked with Ann. And, not to leave out her pets, they were always a member of the family and loved. She and my Mom shared a joint love for writing; I know my Mom enjoyed their conversations about writing and the Garden Club. I will stop here but please know my love, thoughts and prayers are with you Clay and your family! Again, I'm so sorry I didn't know about the service or I would have been there. God bless you all!

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**Lindsey Grubb Barilla** - June 19, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Sampson.



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June 15, 2016 at 07:39 PM

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“ Members of WVGC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Ann Sampson.



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**Members of WVGC** - June 15, 2016 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann Sampson.



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June 14, 2016 at 03:03 PM