



## Mrs. Barbara de Jong Whitaker

December 12, 1933 - August 3, 2011

Barbara de Jong Whitaker, 77 of Asheville died Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at her home. A native of Evansville, Indiana, she was daughter of the late Hubert and Lucille de Jong. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her daughter, Amy Kahn in 1963.

After moving to Asheville in 1956, Barbara was a very successful business entrepreneur. She was a very active volunteer with many civic organizations, volunteering with the Better Business Bureau, served on the UNCA Foundation Board and received a lifetime membership to the St. Joseph Hospital Guild for being the chairperson of the Pink Gavel Auction which raised substantial donations. She was a member of Asheville Garden Club, founding member and former (two year) president of the Asheville Altrusa Businesswomen's club, a member of Women's Economic Development Advisory Council for the state of North Carolina and she earned the Civitan International Medallion for 25 years of dedicated service. Barbara was active in citizenship voting efforts, was an experienced mediator in the local court system and was a Score Consular in the Service Core of retired executives. She was a member of the Sisterhood of Beth HaTephila where she had served as a volunteer Sunday school teacher. A fierce supporter of Bulldog basketball, Barbara enjoyed art, travel, aerobics, tennis, friends and family.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Whitaker; daughters, Tracy Hawkins

of Atlanta, GA and Gail Stakes and her husband, Daniel Tinker of Laramie, Wyoming; two grandchildren, Trent and Lea Hawkins and her sister, Ann Nolan and her husband, Richard of Hendersonville.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM, Monday, August 8, 2011 at Congregation Beth HaTephila with Rabbi Batsheva Meiri officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent through the website [www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Barbara de Jong Whitaker*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *My entire family will miss Barbara so much. She was one of the most remarkable friends to my mother and to me. We will never forget her, and all that she did for us. Tracy, Gail, Don, Lea and Trent, we loved her, too.*

*Jane and David*

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**Jane Rocamora and David Rocamora** - August 19, 2011 at 04:24 PM



“ *Don ,Gail and Tracy,  
Sorry that I cannot be at BarbarasFuneral,However our thoughts are with you..  
We truly lost a wonderful and dear friend!!  
I will be in touch with you later..*

*Mary and Buddy Riesenber*

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**Buddy Riesenber** - August 08, 2011 at 09:37 AM

RF

“ *My dear old friend Gail,*

*Thoughts and prayers with you, Don, Tracy, Lea and Trent. Your mother was indeed a great lady and I am thinking of all of you during this time of mourning. I will see you soon.*

*All my love always,*

*Becky*

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**Rebecca Finch** - August 07, 2011 at 08:26 PM

JH

“ *Barbara was one of the most genuine women I've ever known. I had the pleasure of knowing her through my vocation of house cleaning. During our contact every other week for 6 hours I received her love and thankfulness for my services, but our relationship went beyond that. Barbara and Don showed many kindnesses to me during my daughter's school years, marriage, and births of children and they always took the time and concern to listen to me. When I said good-bye to her, it has ended a chapter in my life. Thank you, Barbara, for making my life richer.*

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**Jackie Hagerling** - August 07, 2011 at 11:29 AM

LH

“ *My Grandmother was many things. Strong and kind-hearted being two that really stick out to me. I will always remember her as one of the most amazing women I ever met. I love you Grandma and I will never forget you.*

*Lea*

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**Lea Hawkins** - August 06, 2011 at 06:22 PM

TH

“ I will miss my mom. She was the central figure in so many lives, especially mine. My mom raised two independent, strong women and I am grateful for all the lessons. They molded me into the woman I am today. She deeply loved her husband her grandchildren, her sister, her nieces and nephews, her children, and her lifelong friends (you know who you are). She had many, many friends and associates. I am proud of my mom's life and accomplishments. I will miss you, all of you. I love you, I wish you peace. Tracy

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**Tracy Hawkins** - August 06, 2011 at 08:46 AM

JR

“ Memories of Barbara being a great hostess for lots of Altrusa Chirstmas parties  
Memories of a lady who had a hardy laugh, great sense of humor, strong sense of friendship, responsible. She will be missed by the many lives she touched.

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**Jackie Rio** - August 05, 2011 at 12:53 PM