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## **Barbara Zanato, 75, Elementary School Secretary, Avid Flea Market Shopper**

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Barbara Zanato, cherished mother, grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully after her long battle with cancer on Monday, Oct. 2, at the home of her daughter in Darien. She was 75.

She was born on Sept. 16, 1942 in Ithaca, New York, the daughter of the late Tracy R. Jones and Marjorie (Van Ostrand) Jones. Barbara attended Ithaca Public Schools and the State University of New York at Cortland.

Barbara met her beloved husband, Edward Zanato, while both were attending Cortland and they were happily married for 34 years, until his untimely passing in 1996.

— [an obituary](#) from *Edward Lawrence Funeral Home*

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Barbara fought her long cancer battle with an extraordinary grace, dignity, and a wonderful sense of humor; which was contagious to all around her.

She was a long-time resident of Chappaqua, N.Y. and worked as an administrative assistant for many decades at the local elementary school, Douglas Grafflin School in Chappaqua.

Barbara often watched her grandsons play sports and was an avid cheerleader for them. She loved spending time and talking with her grandsons. Barbara was an enthusiastic flea market shopper with her "Sunday Flea Ladies."

She took great pride in the beautiful gardens at her home. Barbara loved to relax and unwind down the shore at Barnegat Light, N.J. She enjoyed many lasting friendships throughout the years and held dear each and every friend. She will be deeply missed by her friends, family, and all who knew her.

Barbara is survived by her son, Scott Zanato, daughter in-law, Miriam of Lithia, Fl. and her daughter, Tracy Strub, son in-law, Eric of Darien. She is also survived by five grandsons: David and Eddie Zanato, both of Lithia; and Tanner, Tyler, and Riley Strub, all of Darien.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 at the Edward Lawrence Funeral Home, 2119 Post Road, Darien. A celebration of her life will follow at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to [NWH Cancer Center](#). Please designate Cancer Center in the drop down menu.