



## Gail Barlow-Spahn

August 23, 2019

Gail Barlow Spahn, known as “Gails” to her loved ones, passed away Friday August 23, 2019 at the age of 65. She was the mother of four children, the grandmother of five, and spent the last 8 months of her life with her beloved daughter Nicole, son Michael, grandson Nakia, and son-in-law Sid. Gail was a 1972 graduate of Tenafly High School and has spent many years as a resident of the town. She then moved to Bergenfield where she became very involved with her community. She served as a Board Member of the Police Athletic League (PAL) and for over 25 years, Gail was responsible for managing the snack stand. Through her work with the PAL, she helped organize the Family Fun Day and Christmas in the Park events that brought the community of Bergenfield closer together. When not volunteering, Gail worked in the Tenafly Board of Education, with close friends, and fostered the academic development of young children. She lived life to the fullest by traveling with her family. Gail had a unique talent to create wonderful pieces of art and bring about elegant parties for those in need. Her strength represents a great deal of her life being a breast cancer survivor and overcoming multiple sclerosis. Those touched by Gail’s loving heart are invited to pay their respects on September 3rd from 4-8pm at the Barrett Funeral Home located at 148 Dean Dr, Tenafly, NJ 07670. On September 4th, services will be held promptly at 1pm following a celebration of life at the St. Thomas Armenian Church located at 174 Essex Dr, Tenafly, NJ 07670. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Bergen County Alternatives to Domestic

Violence-ADV located at One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd floor, Hackensack,  
N.J. 07601. 201-336-7575.

# Cemetery Details

**Interment Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

### Service

SEP 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Armenian Church  
174 Essex Drive  
Tenafly, NJ 07670

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Merry Christmas Grandma*

*This marks the first Christmas without you here with us but your presence was most definitely felt by all. We have missed your smile and grace beyond belief. We have missed you not only this Christmas but everyday since you went to haven's gates. I tried to replicate your Christmas tradition of the money tree and it wasn't nearly as beautiful as the ones you made for years. I know you are smiling down laughing at my struggles of tying the bows of ribbon and my poor decorating skills but I also know you are proud to see that your legacy and tradition will forever live on. You are such a wonderful inspiration and protective guardian angel for this family. I thank you for being here with us in spirit and blessing us by showering us with your endless love this holiday season. I love you, I feel you and I miss you.. Merry Christmas Grandma*



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**Nakia** - December 30, 2019 at 05:30 PM

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“ Miss you mom Nakia Laminated one of your feathers the flew on him when we release the Doves at your celebration of life and gave it to me for Christmas he misses you so much he also has a heart of gold he wants your Legacy to go on with your special trees that you would always make every Christmas to go on with your special trees .Michelle and Nakia tried so hard to replicate them the thoughtful heartfelt crafted memories you leave behind I know your laughing when you saw the saran wrap instead of that special wrap used to get from Linda lol you are the best mom and grandma XoxoxoX



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**nicole griffin** - December 30, 2019 at 11:37 AM

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“ Nicole Griffin lit a candle in memory of Gail Barlow-Spahn



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**Nicole Griffin** - November 02, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Gail Barlow-Spahn.



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September 03, 2019 at 11:35 AM

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“ *The Spahn's, Amato's and Schusters purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gail Barlow-Spahn.*



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**The Spahn's, Amato's and Schusters** - August 31, 2019 at 06:22 PM

 Judy Riccio

“ *Gail was a beautiful woman inside and out. Heaven has gained another angel.* 💕💕

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**Judy Riccio** - August 30, 2019 at 08:47 AM

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“ *Forever in our hearts* 💕💕



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**Nicole Griffin** - August 29, 2019 at 04:56 PM

FM

“ I have known Gail for a few years now through the SACC program. Most recently, I had the pleasure of working with her at Maugham School for the first semester last year. All the kids loved her. She was always full of life and energy and gave so much of herself to that program. Even toward the end of the year, when she was often out of breath and not feeling well, nobody would have suspected the struggle she was going through because it was masked by her positive attitude and her smile. Her enthusiasm was contagious. She will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to the family.

*Francesca Marcus*

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**Francesca Marcus** - August 29, 2019 at 03:00 PM

LC

“ Gail, you were strong, beautiful, humorous up until the end. There is so much about you that I will miss. RIP, my beautiful friend and throw me a sign every once in a while..It was an honor to work with you and have you as a friend...So long my friend..

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**lyn crasci** - August 29, 2019 at 02:04 PM



MaryAnne  
Johnson

“ oh Gail how i am going to miss working and hanging with you at PAL. Especially, during July when all the tournaments were going on. We had many laughs together. May you rest in peace my friend and may God hold you tightly in the palm of his hand. ❤️

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**MaryAnne Johnson** - August 29, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gail Barlow-Spahn.*



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August 29, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Hall's passing. I knew her through PAL and admired her dedication to the organization as well as to the community. My condolences to the family.*

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**Tom Ahearn** - August 29, 2019 at 11:30 AM