



Babette "Babs" Ann Antoniak

June 19, 1941 - December 13, 2023

Babette "Babs" Ann Steinhauser Antoniak passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at The Neighborhood of Tellico Village Assisted Living in Loudon, TN., where she resided in Tellico Village since 2019. Babs was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana June 19, 1941. She received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism at the University of Florida and a master's degree in history from the Citadel. She began writing for the CBS Network, Atlanta continuing for newspapers and government. After participating in "Writing and Reading for Civic Education" at Harvard University, the author published the award-winning "A War to Safeguard Students as Citizens." Babette earned her legal knowledge as a certified paralegal and work experience at the Ron Motley Law Firm, subject of the Al Pacino film, *The Insider*. She also worked for the Roane County News for several years as a features writer. Babette was a nonfiction crime writer. Babs was a former Tennessee State Women's Skeet Shooting Champion and was a former member of the following: Oak Ridge Gun Club, Oak Ridge Community Theatre, Chamberlain Memorial Hospital director of public relations, Roane County High School English Teacher 1981-1985, St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Harriman, and Redeemer Lutheran Church of Harriman.

She lived for many years in the Charleston, South Carolina area where she taught English at Cross High School and Stratford High School. She also lived in the Memphis, Tennessee area where she taught English at St. Benedict at

Auburndale High School. During the 1970's she also coached the girls' basketball team at the "Old" Emory Gap School for a few years.

Preceded in death by former spouse-Dr. Robert E. Wilson, former spouse- J. Polk Cooley, niece Hanna Grace Steinhauser, granddaughter Margaret Gabrielle Wilson, parents Esther Cecelia Ballard Steinhauser and Carl Christian Steinhauser.

Survived by sons: Thor K. Wilson of Maryville, Tennessee, and Karl O. Wilson of Burke, Virginia.

Brother Edwin A. Steinhauser of Loudon, Tennessee, nephew Nicholas Steinhauser of Germany, and 2 grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston with Reverend Jody McLoud officiating. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Antoniak Family. Friends of Babette may also make a donation in her memory to Alzheimer's Tennessee in lieu of flowers if they chose.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Babette "Babs" Ann Antoniak*



Kyker Funeral Home - January 09, 2024 at 03:02 PM

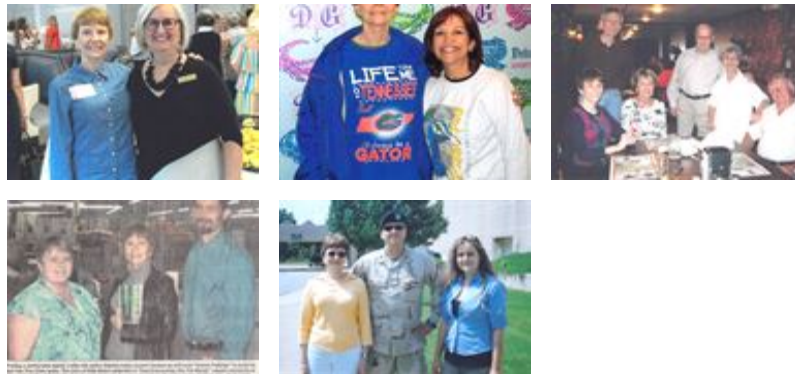


“ *She was my English teacher at Cross High School. Condolences to the family and my prayers are with you. I remembered her and her name. She was one of the best teachers I had. She will be missed.*

Dr. Manley Marvell Collins - May 25, 2024 at 08:08 AM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - January 09, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Babette "Babs" Ann Antoniak.*



December 28, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Babs was a very sweet hearted caring person. I was a ra at tellico village and help take care of babs for the last 2 years. It was a pleasure taking care of her. We will dearly miss you Babs..*

Carrie Leonard - December 15, 2023 at 06:27 PM