



Barbara Squires

January 23, 1936 - December 10, 2025

Barbara Croft Squires passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in Houston, Texas, where she lived most of her life.

Barbara was the beloved daughter of Molly and Jack Croft and the devoted wife of Art Squires, all of whom preceded her in passing. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Evelyn Laviage, and brother-in-law, Charlie; her brother, Kenneth Croft, and sister-in-law, Charlotte; and her niece, Marlene Laviage Tanner.

Barbara is lovingly remembered by her children, Heather Squires Thomas (Scott) and Mitchell Squires (Marla), and by her grandchildren, Austin, Avery, and Ashley Thomas, and Casie and Kirby Squires. She brought joy and love to everyone around her, and her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation (<https://www.parkinson.org/>) or any charity supporting dementia research.

A memorial service was held at 11:30 am on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood, Houston, Texas, 77096.

Cemetery Details

Beth Israel Memorial Garden

1101 Antoine Dr.
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 28. 11:30 AM (CT)

Congregation Beth Israel
5600 N. Braeswood Blvd.
Houston, TX 77096

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Dear Heather and Mitchell. God how I loved your Mom and Dad! I remember when Art interviewed me, he said “if it were totally up to me I’d hire you right now, but you’ve got to pass muster with Barbara, my wife.” Met Barbara the next day and we immediately hit it off! Even had the same birthday, 1/23! From that moment on Barbara and Art were family. They taught me the business, started letting me suggest artists to play, let me start investing in shows and trusted me to run the office and make decisions if they weren’t there. And through it all they were loving, funny, kind and caring. They were family. Decades later even after not seeing each other for years reuniting was instantaneous. There was always the love and a unique bond between us. I miss them both and will always love and miss them. You spoke so eloquently today at Barbara’s memorial service. I was crying with you Heather. So sweet and thoughtful of Scott to stand there close to you for strength and comfort. I was truly blessed to have known Barbara and Art and honored to have also been loved by them both. I couldn’t be there today as I had planned because of an ongoing health issue. You and Mitchell take care. I’ll be in touch and would like to have lunch when you feel up to it. Love you. Marilyn

Marilyn Bates Moore - December 28, 2025 at 02:34 PM

HT

Thank you, Marilyn. I wish you well, and yes, we will absolutely plan to have lunch together soon. Love you, Heather

Heather Thomas - December 29, 2025 at 08:19 PM

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Grace, strength and devotion rightly capture Barbara and I am so grateful to have been able to experience that.

Gene Tognacci - December 27, 2025 at 09:58 PM

HT

Gene, My mom and dad always spoke of you with the highest regards. Thank you for sharing your kind sentiments. Good memories, indeed. Love, Heather

Heather Thomas - December 29, 2025 at 08:24 PM

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“ *Barbara and Art, a pairing that ignited a lifetime of accomplishments and love. She got Art, understood and enabled his ambitions, and was steadfast in her commitment to the success they created. She helped him build a mountain from a little pile of clay.*

Whether working at the box office window, raising Mitchell and Heather, entertaining friends, or slaying the elliptical at the J, Barbara did her best, with passion and energy, always with grace and glamor.

She was a lady all the time.

Tina Nelkin - December 26, 2025 at 02:26 PM

HT

Tina, thank you so much for these incredibly kind and thoughtful words. You captured my mom so perfectly—her grace, her strength, her energy, and her devotion to our family. Reading this means more to us than I can express. We're deeply grateful you took the time to share such a meaningful remembrance.

With love, Heather and Family

Heather Thomas - December 26, 2025 at 10:15 PM

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Gene Tognacci - December 27, 2025 at 11:58 AM